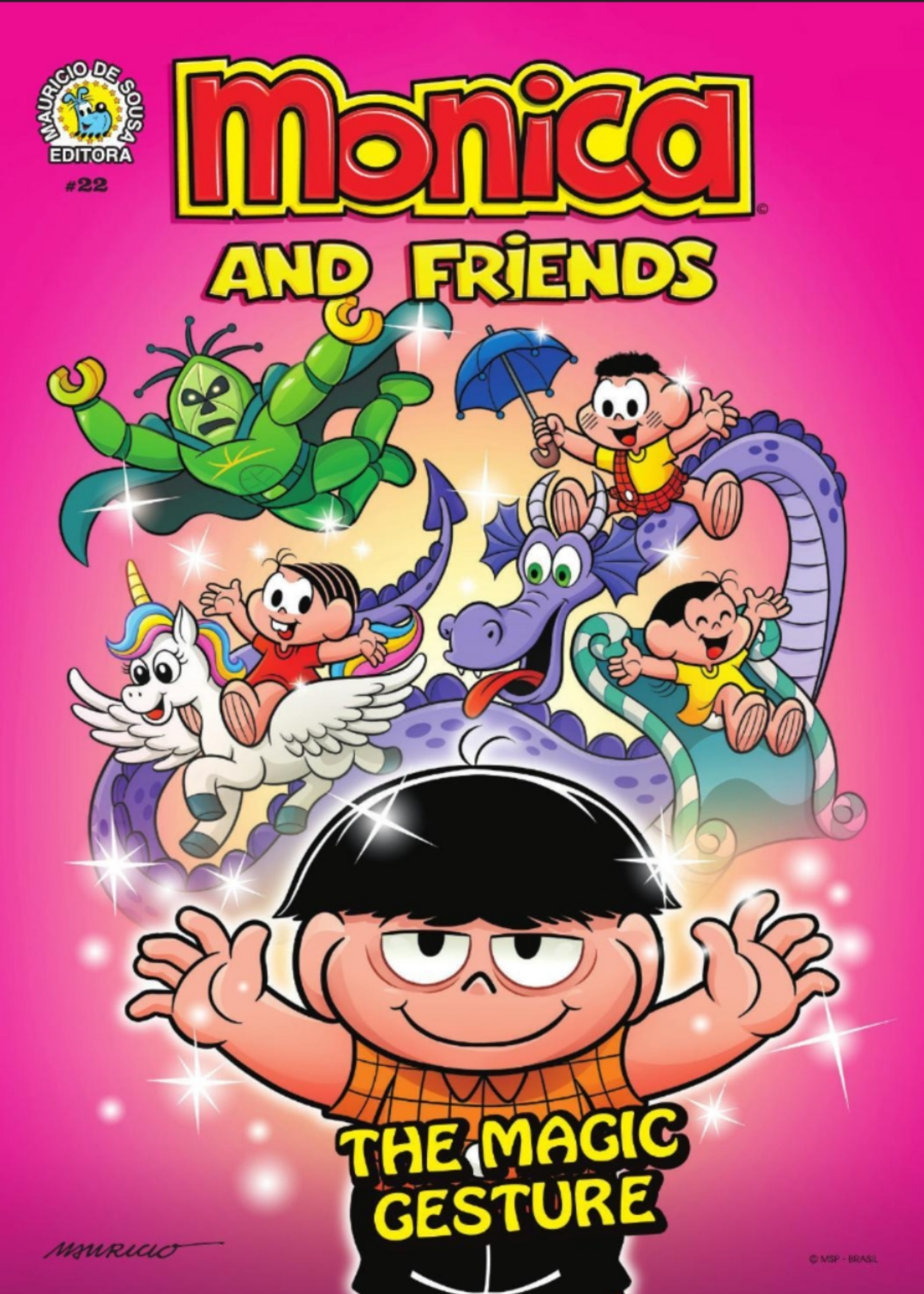

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Monica
AND FRIENDS
THE MAGIC GESTURE
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HEY, YOU THERE!
WANT TO SEE A TRICK?
THEN LOOK DIRECTLY INTO MY EYES!
I'M GOING TO MAKE A MAGICAL GESTURE!
IT'LL MAKE YOU ENTER A HAPPY WORLD FULL OF ADVENTURE, MAGIC AND...
OH! YOU KNOW WHAT? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TURN THE PAGE AND YOU'LL ENCOUNTER ALL OF IT AT ONCE!
DEAL?!
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NIMBUS in THE MAGIC GESTURE

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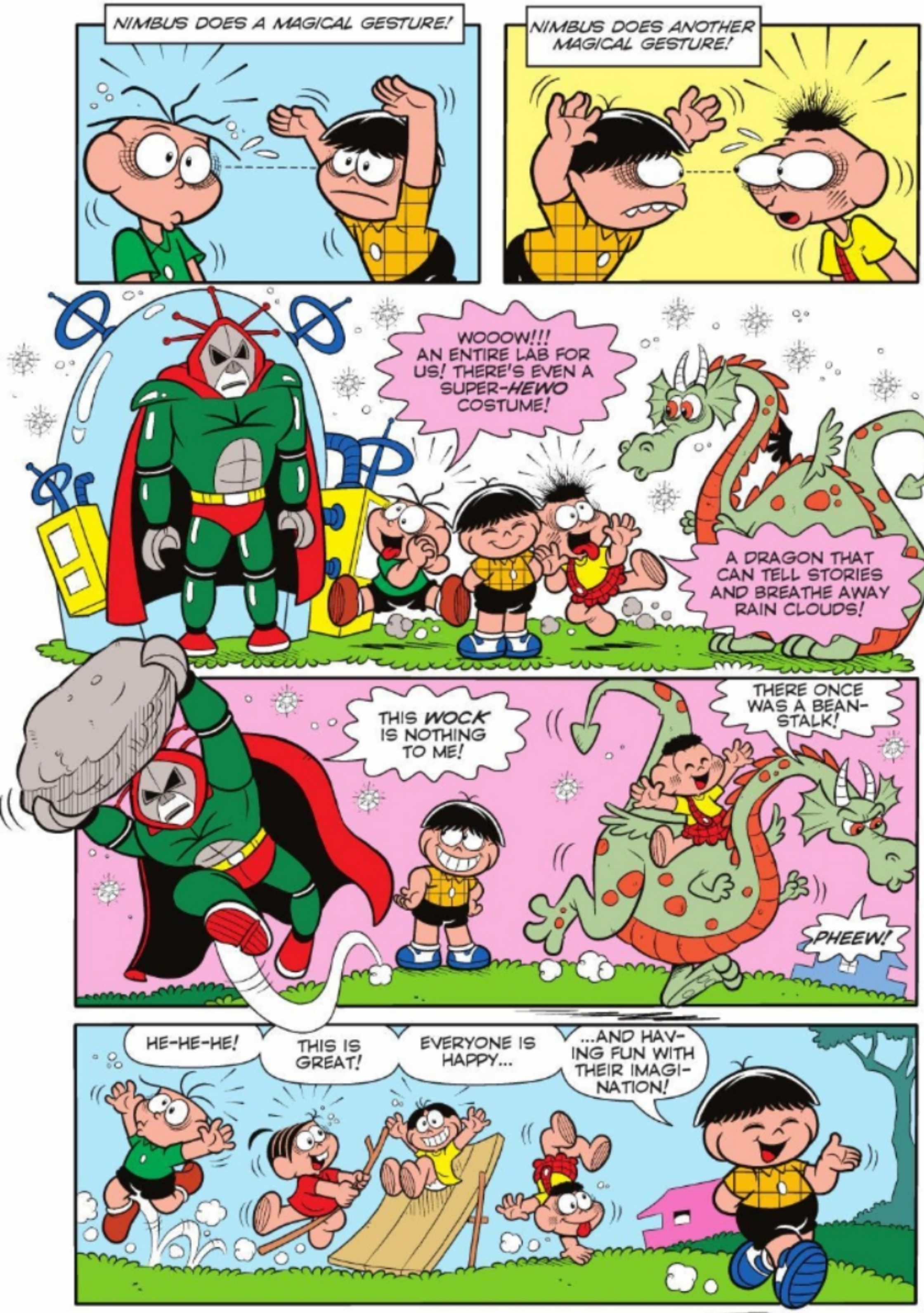
HOW ABOUT FLOWERS THAT APPEAR?
KERCHIEFS THAT DISAPPEAR?
PLAYING CARDS THAT FLY?
OH, NO, IT'S NOT THAT!
I JUST WANTED SOMETHING SIMPLE!
A UNICORN WITH WINGS!
THOING
A UNICORN WITH WHAT?!
WHERE WOULD I GET THAT FROM?!
YOU'RE A MAGICIAN, AREN'T YOU?
YOU FIGURE IT OUT!
I'M A MAGICIAN, NOT A WIZARD!
THAT'S SOMETHING OUT OF A KARRIE THE PORTER NOVEL!
IT'S NOT FOR ME!
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED!

WHAT A LAME MAGICIAN!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO DO A LITTLE MAGIC HORSE TRICK!
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR FRANKLIN!
AT LEAST, HE'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHING!
FINE! FINE! WAIT!
YOU WIN!
YOU THINK I'M A "LAME MAGICIAN", HUH?
YOU WANT A PONY?! I'LL GIVE YOU A PONY!
IT'S A UNICORN WITH WINGS!
WHATEVER!
JUST LOOK INTO MY EYES...
HE-HE!
WHAT MONICA DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT I'M A MASTER OF HYPNOTISM!
NIMBUS DOES A MAGICAL GESTURE!

AWWW! HE'S BEAUTI-FUL!!!
A FLYING UNICORN!!!
AND HE'S PINK!!!
SEE?!
I EVEN GOT THE COLOR RIGHT!
FLY TO THE CLOUDS, YOU BEAUTIFUL CREA-TURE!
YES, MA'AM!
TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!
OH, HE ALSO TALKS!
HIP! HIP! FLY, LITTLE BUDDY!
HE-HE!
WHAT MONICA DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT IT'S JUST HER IMAGINATION!
WHAT IS GOING ON OVER HERE, MONICA?
?
DID YOU SKIP AFTER-NOON BRUNCH?
IT MIGHT MESS WITH YOUR HEAD!
COME, MAGGY!
LET'S FLY TOGETHER!

HUH?!
?
?
AAAH!!! I SEE FLUFFY COTTON CLOUDS!
THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PERSON THAT ISN'T HYPNOTIZED CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
SO, NIMBUS DOES A MAGICAL GESTURE!
AAAH!!!
I SEE IT!!!
IT'S A CANDY THEMED THEME PARK!!!
WHAT IS THIS?!
AAAH!!!
IT'S A WHIPPED CREAM AND MARSHMALLOW SLIDE!!!
YIIIPEEEE!!!
?
HUH? LOOK AT THE GIRLS!

MUNCH! MUNCH!
HAHA! IT'S FATSO!
AND MAGPIE!
THEY'VE GONE CWAZY!
SO EMBAR-RASSING!
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA!
WHAT IS GOING ON, BOYS?
IF YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE A UNICORN, THAT'S YOUR FAULT!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
BESIDES, THIS WAY THERE IS MORE CANDY FOR ME!
HAHAHA!!!
THEY'RE COM-PLETELY INSANE!
THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR A PLAN!
HEHE! I'LL EVEN HELP YOU ON THIS ONE!


NIMBUS DOES A MAGICAL GESTURE!
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WOOOW!!! AN ENTIRE LAB FOR US! THERE'S EVEN A SUPER-HEWO COSTUME!
A DRAGON THAT CAN TELL STORIES AND BREATHE AWAY RAIN CLOUDS!
THIS WOCK IS NOTHING TO ME!
THERE ONCE WAS A BEAN-STALK!
PHEEW!
HE-HE-HE!
THIS IS GREAT!
EVERYONE IS HAPPY...
...AND HAV-ING FUN WITH THEIR IMAGI-NATION!

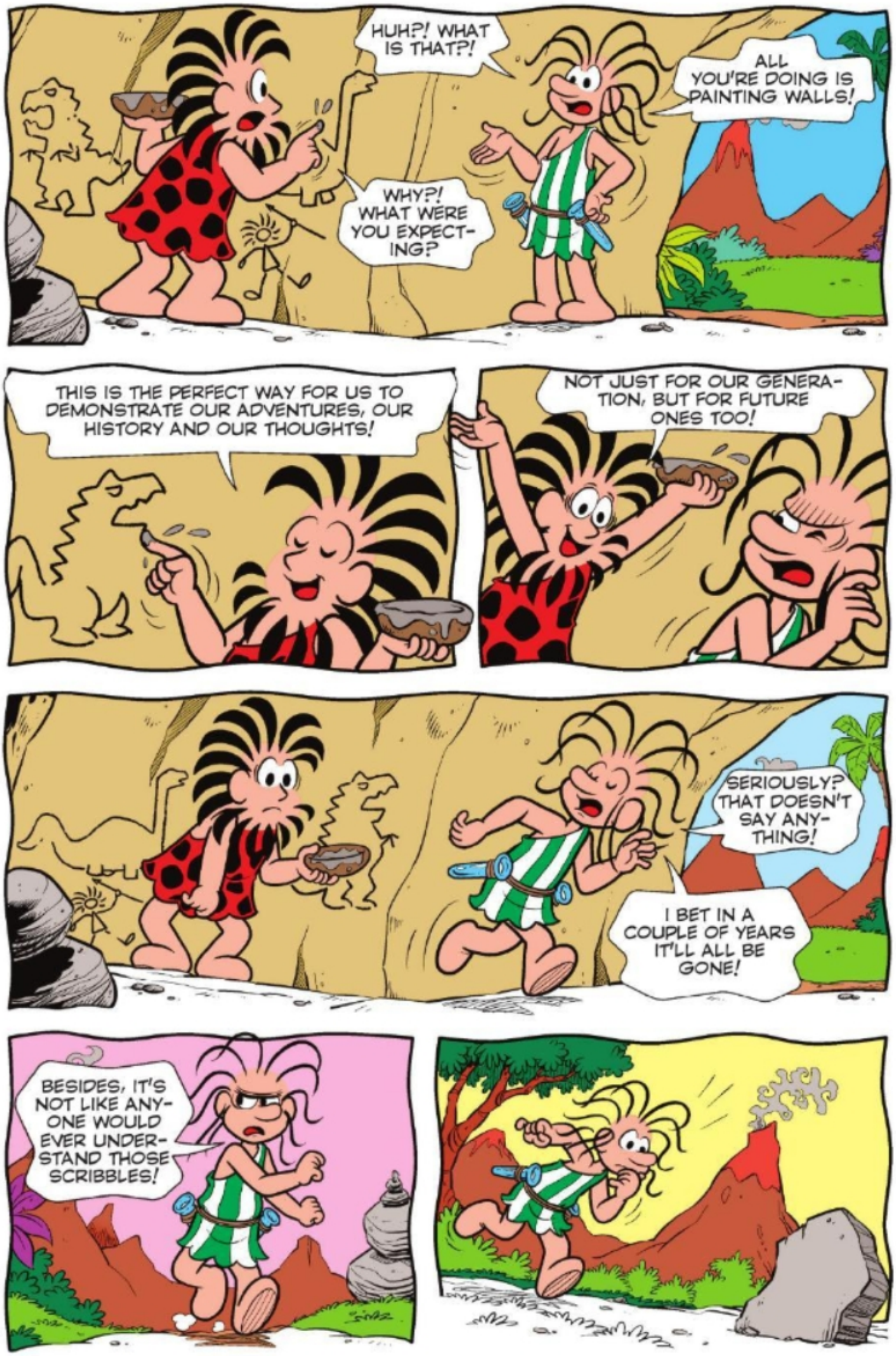
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA, WHAAAT?!
THE WHOLE GANG HAS GONE WEIRD!
NIMBUS DOES A MAGICAL GESTURE AGAIN!
NIMBUS DOES A MAGICAL GESTURE ONE MORE TIME!
NIMBUS DOES... BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!
AAAAAAAHH!!!
THUMP
THUMP

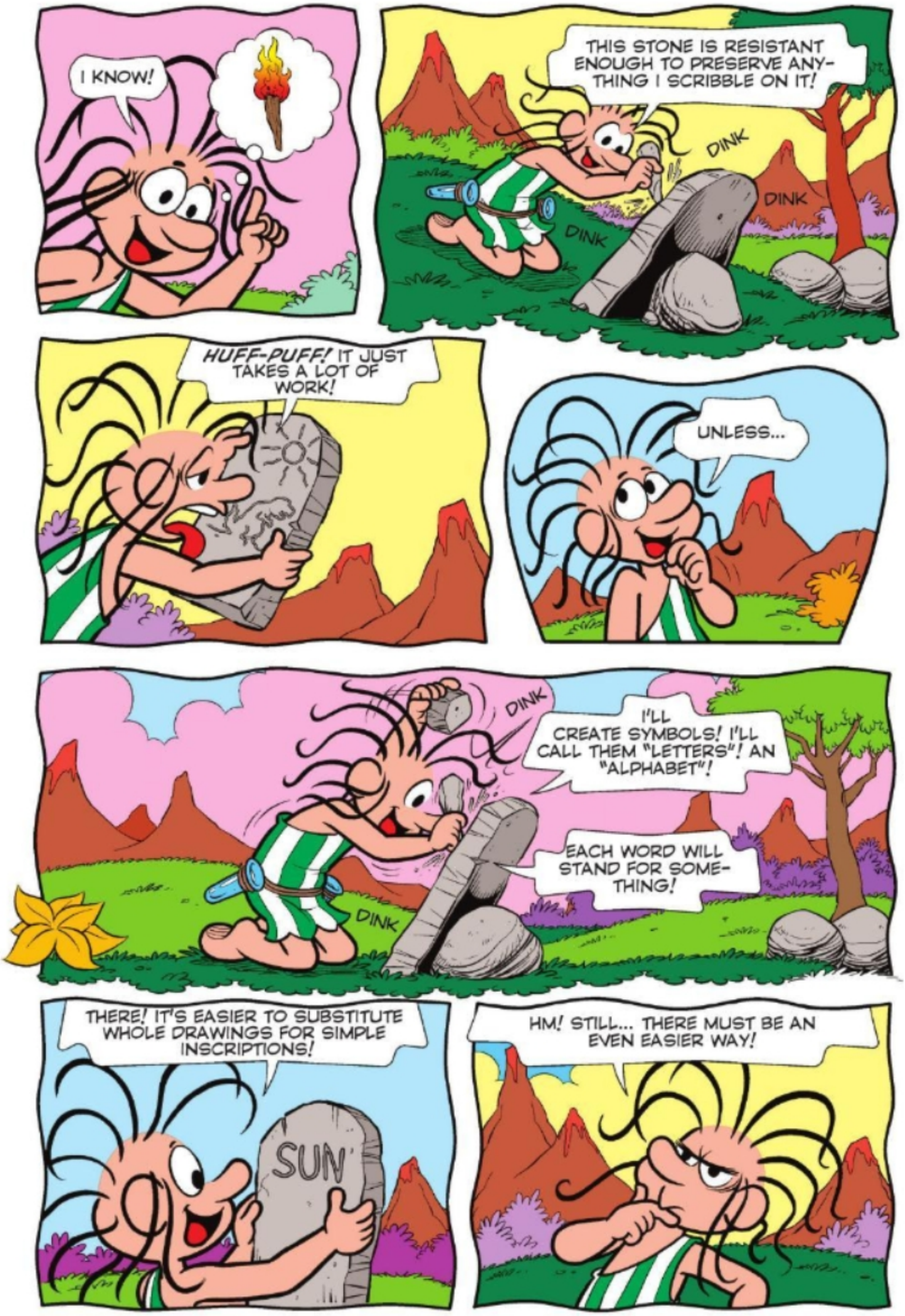
OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH!
I'M TIRED OF MAGICAL GESTURES!
I'LL LET EVERYONE HAVE SOME FUN ON THEIR OWN!
EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON ENOUGH!
I'LL BE HERE!
RELAXING!
?
WOOOHOOO!!!

NIMBUS DOES THAT MAGICAL GESTURE!
YOU THINK I'D MISS OUT ON ALL THIS FUN?!
NO WAY!
END

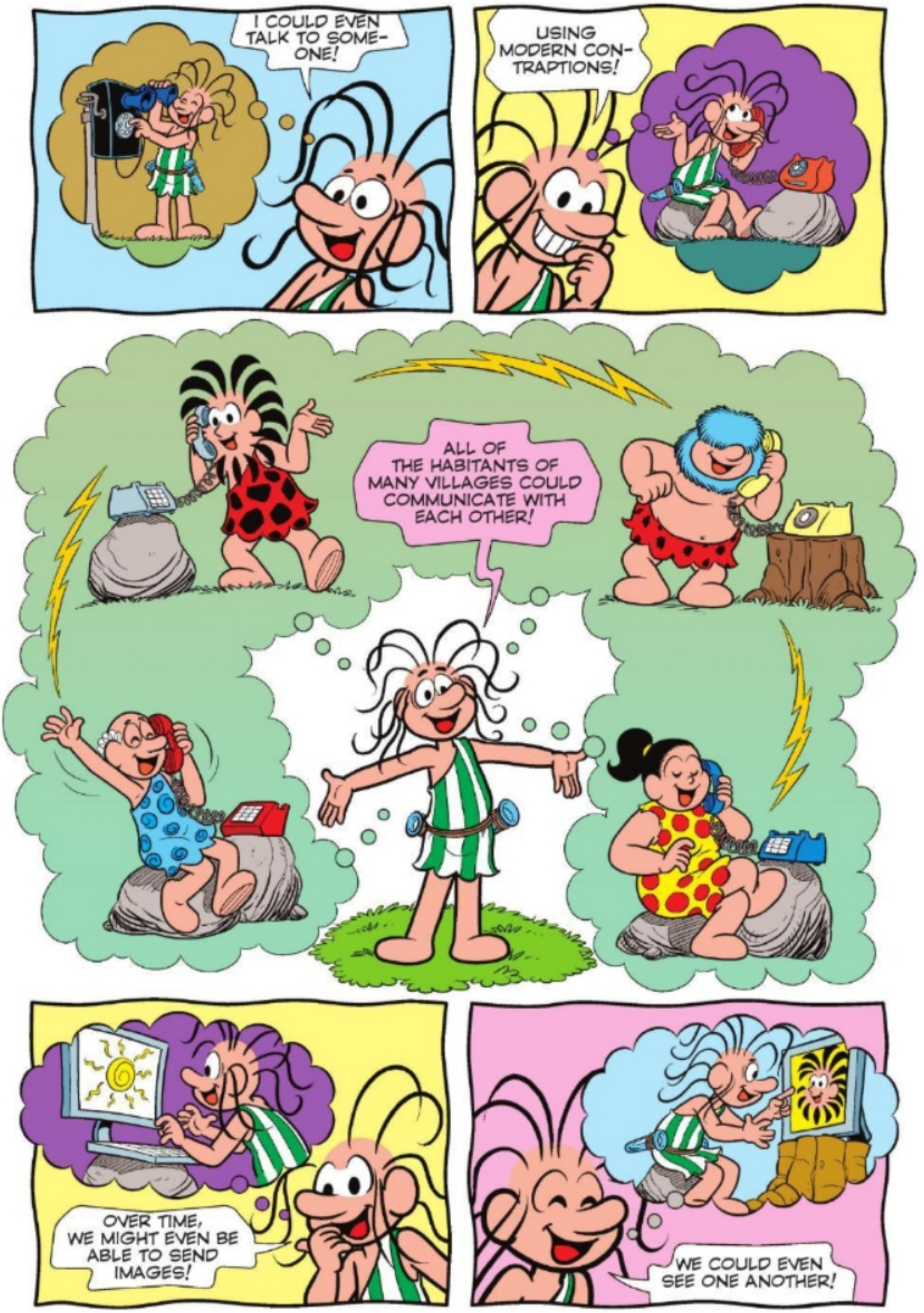
PITHECO in

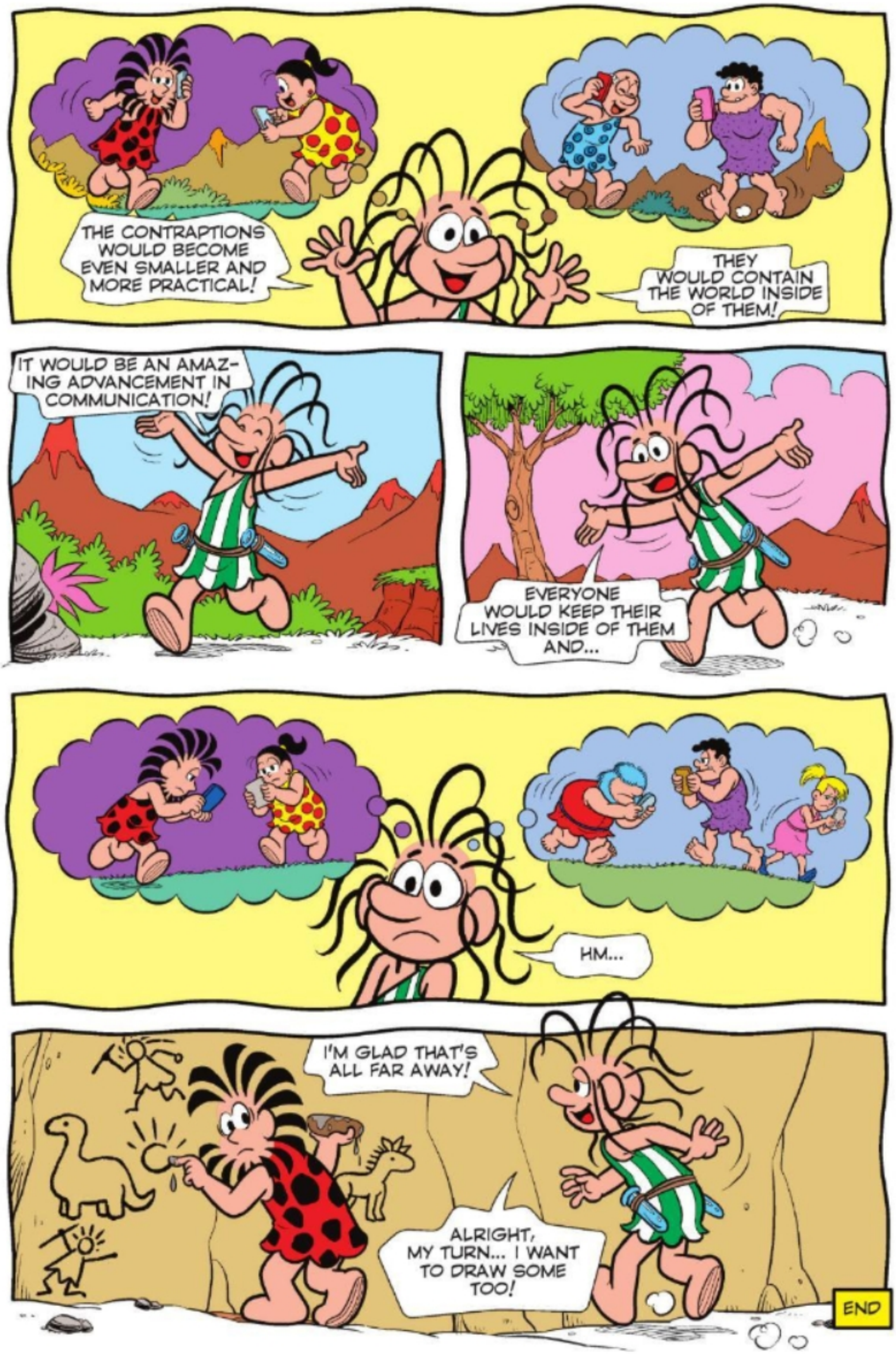
PRELUDE TO COMMUNICATION


HUH?! WHAT IS THAT?!
WHY?! WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING?
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS PAINTING WALLS!
THIS IS THE PERFECT WAY FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE OUR ADVENTURES, OUR HISTORY AND OUR THOUGHTS!
NOT JUST FOR OUR GENERATION, BUT FOR FUTURE ONES TOO!
SERIOUSLY? THAT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING!
I BET IN A COUPLE OF YEARS IT'LL ALL BE GONE!
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE WOULD EVER UNDERSTAND THOSE SCRIBBLES!


I KNOW!
THIS STONE IS RESISTANT ENOUGH TO PRESERVE ANY-THING I SCRIBBLE ON IT!
DINK
DINK
DINK
HUFF-PUFF! IT JUST TAKES A LOT OF WORK!
UNLESS...
DINK
I'LL CREATE SYMBOLS! I'LL CALL THEM "LETTERS"! AN "ALPHABET"!
EACH WORD WILL STAND FOR SOME-THING!
DINK
THERE! IT'S EASIER TO SUBSTITUTE WHOLE DRAWINGS FOR SIMPLE INSCRIPTIONS!
SUN
HM! STILL... THERE MUST BE AN EVEN EASIER WAY!

I'LL USE THESE TREE BARKS...
I'LL WRITE ON THEM USING THIS PIECE OF CHARCOAL!
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
IT'S VERY PRACTICAL! I CAN EVEN ROLL THEM UP!
OR STACK THEM! ONE PIECE ON TOP OF ANOTHER PIECE!
THIS MAKES THEM EASIER TO READ!
OH, WHO KNOWS... INSTEAD OF WRITING...
...I COULD SEND SIGNALS OVER GREAT DISTANCES!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

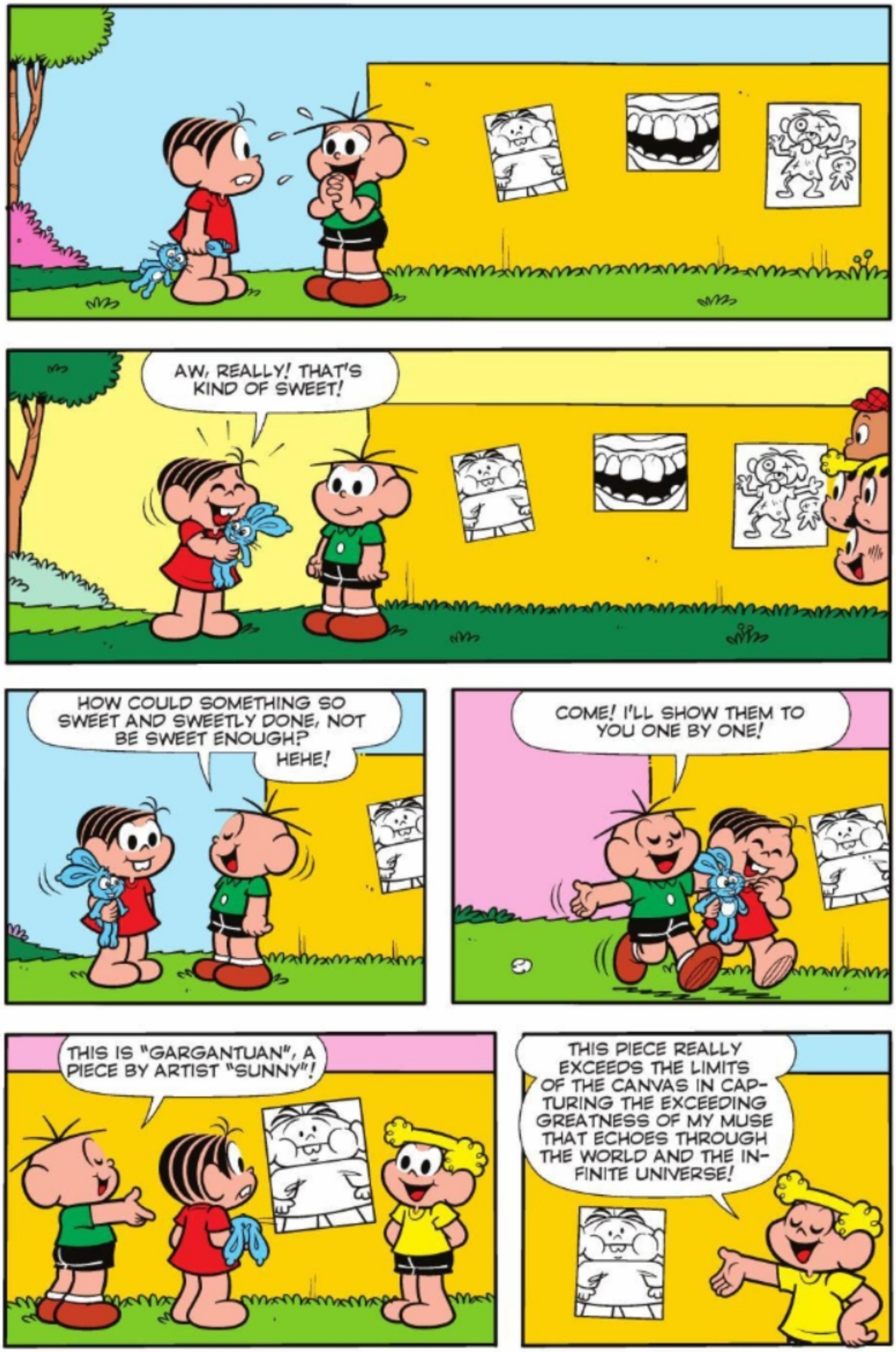

I COULD EVEN TALK TO SOME-ONE!
USING MODERN CON-TRAPTIONS!
ALL OF THE HABITANTS OF MANY VILLAGES COULD COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER!
OVER TIME, WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO SEND IMAGES!
WE COULD EVEN SEE ONE ANOTHER!

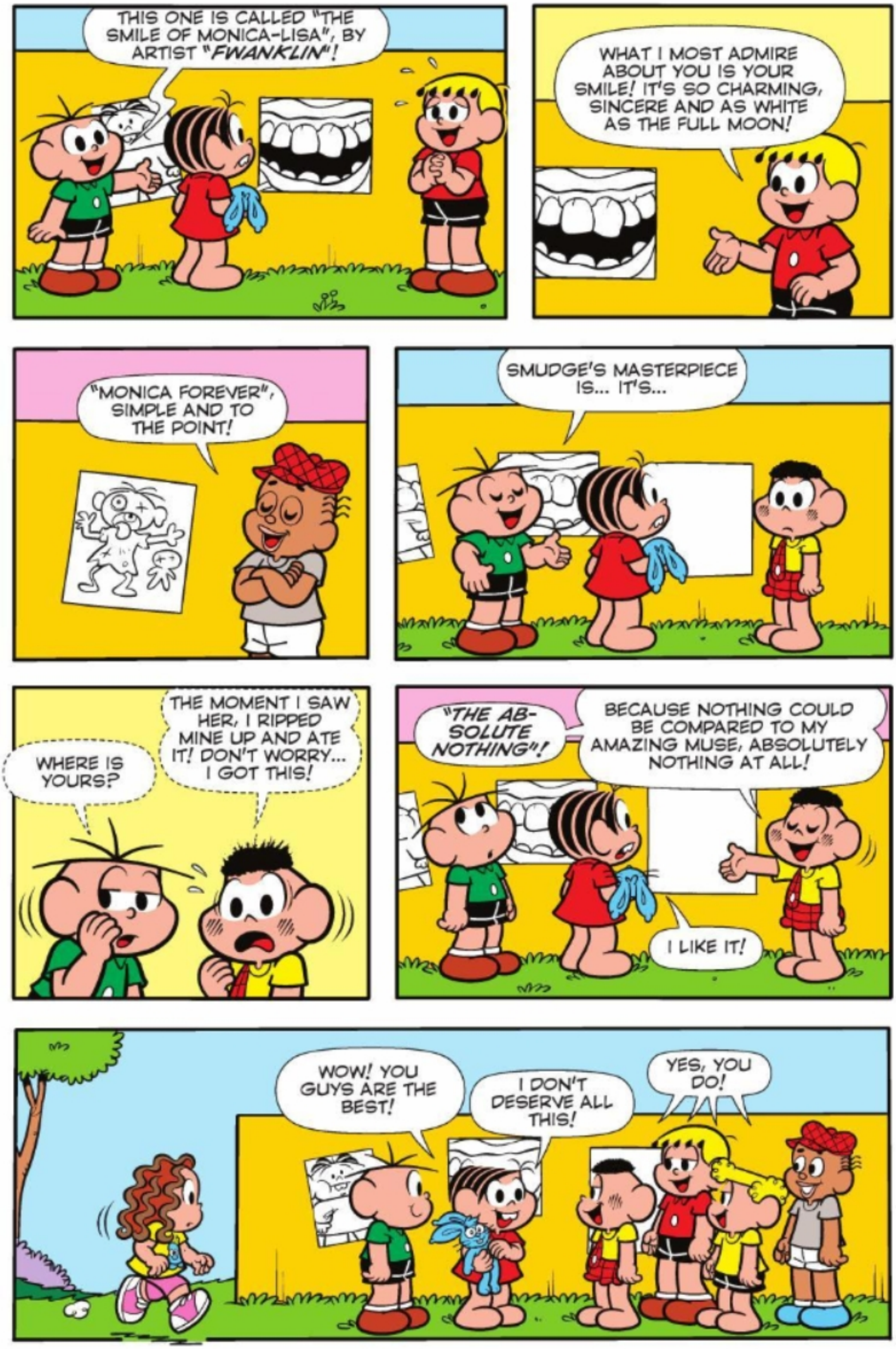

THE CONTRAPTIONS WOULD BECOME EVEN SMALLER AND MORE PRACTICAL!
THEY WOULD CONTAIN THE WORLD INSIDE OF THEM!
IT WOULD BE AN AMAZING ADVANCEMENT IN COMMUNICATION!
EVERYONE WOULD KEEP THEIR LIVES INSIDE OF THEM AND...
HM...
I'M GLAD THAT'S ALL FAR AWAY!
ALRIGHT, MY TURN... I WANT TO DRAW SOME TOO!
END

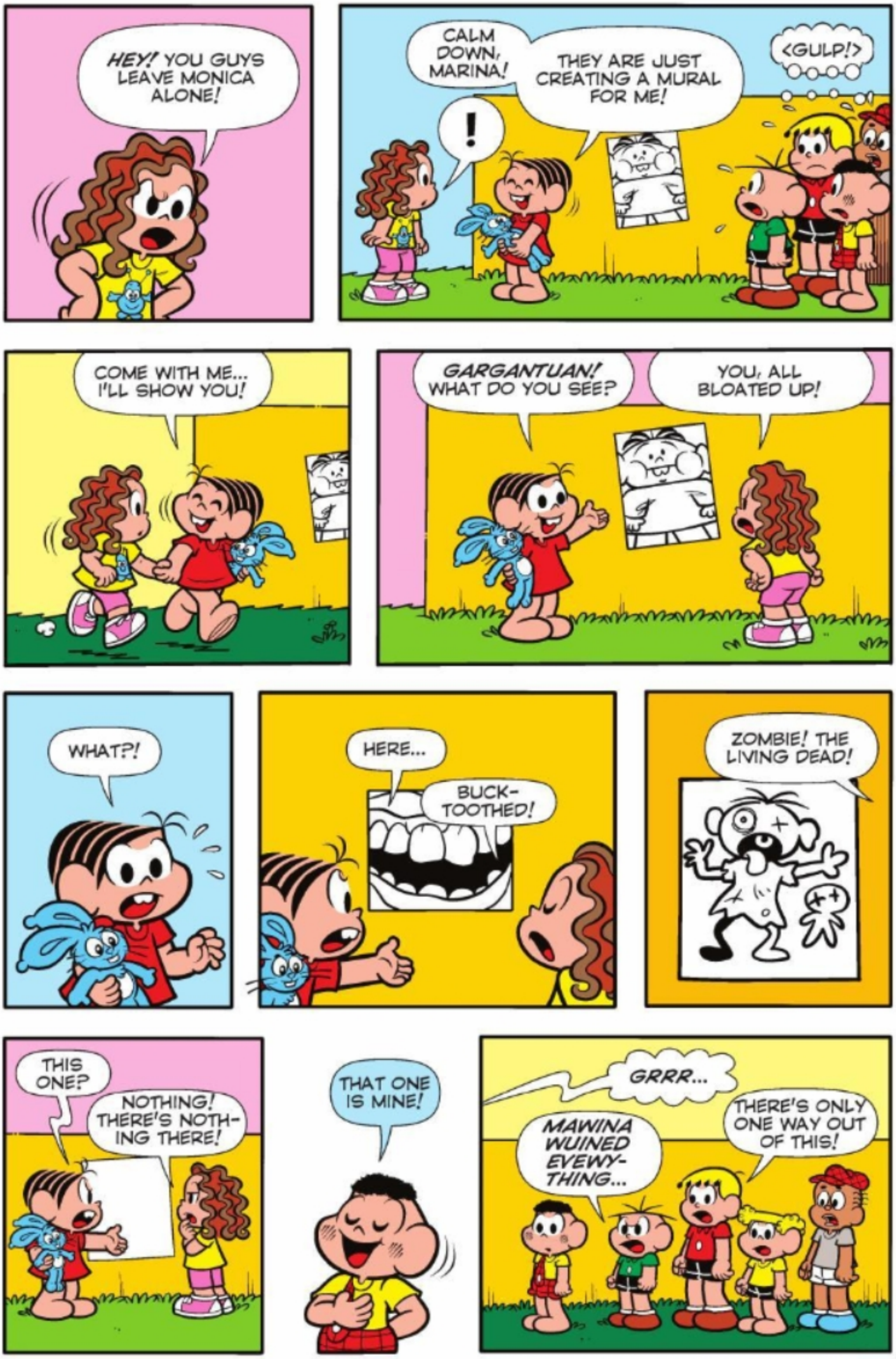
Monica in
A WORK OF ART

WHAT ARE THOSE PESTS UP TO NOW?!
THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE!
YOU GOT IT JUST RIGHT!
GENIUS!
NICE!
EXCUSE ME, WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?
AAAHHH!!!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL OF THIS, JIMMY FIVE?
THIS?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THIS", MONICA?!
THOSE DRAWINGS RIGHT THERE ON THE WALL!
WOW... YOU ARE SO HEARTLESS!
"THIS", MY DEAR GIRL, IS A MUWAL WE DID TO HONOR YOU!
!
YOU PLAYING GAMES WITH ME, JIMMY FIVE?
I WOULD NEVER!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU THAT OUR AMAZING NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL OF OUR FWIENDS ARE KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD! THEY'VE EVEN MADE CARTOONS BASED ON OUR STOWIES!
AND AS "CUWATOR" OF THIS FINE EXPOSITION, I FEEL DEEPLY HONOWED!

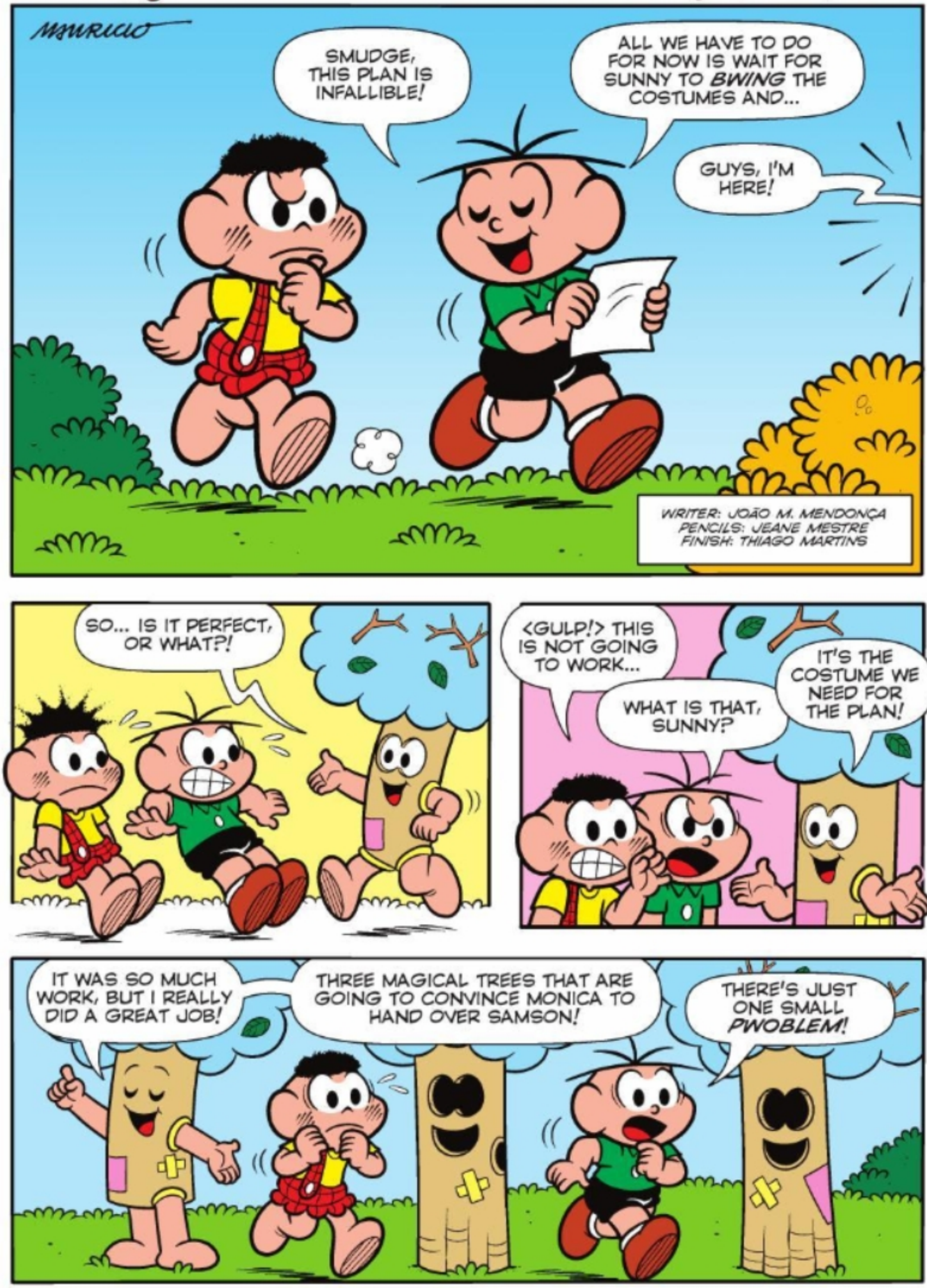

AW, REALLY! THAT'S KIND OF SWEET!
HOW COULD SOMETHING SO SWEET AND SWEETLY DONE, NOT BE SWEET ENOUGH?
HEHE!
COME! I'LL SHOW THEM TO YOU ONE BY ONE!
THIS IS "GARGANTUAN", A PIECE BY ARTIST "SUNNY"!
THIS PIECE REALLY EXCEEDS THE LIMITS OF THE CANVAS IN CAPTURING THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF MY MUSE THAT ECHOES THROUGH THE WORLD AND THE INFINITE UNIVERSE!

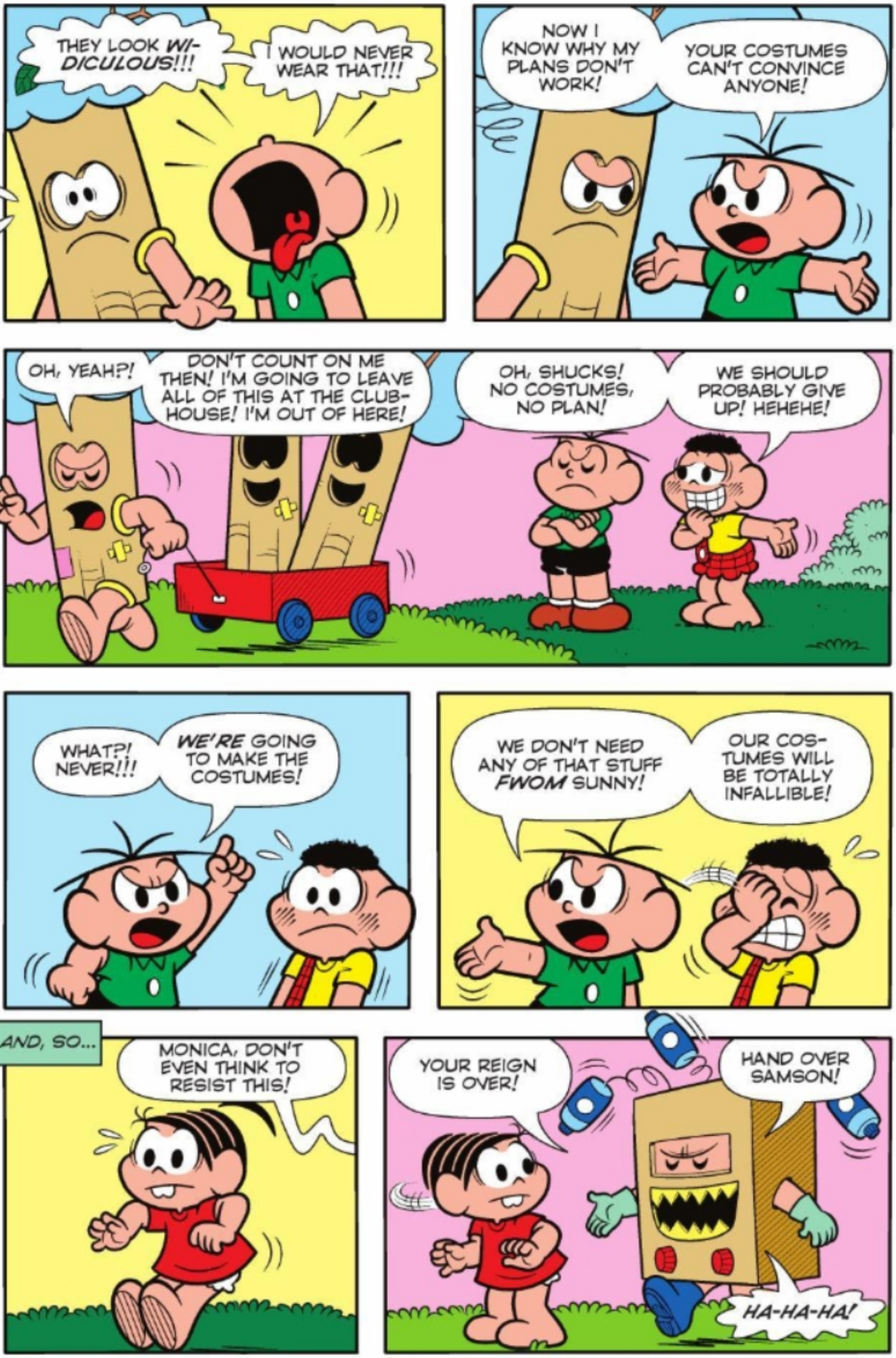

THIS ONE IS CALLED "THE SMILE OF MONICA-LISA", BY ARTIST "FWANKLIN"!
WHAT I MOST ADMIRE ABOUT YOU IS YOUR SMILE! IT'S SO CHARMING, SINCERE AND AS WHITE AS THE FULL MOON!
"MONICA FOREVER", SIMPLE AND TO THE POINT!
SMUDGE'S MASTERPIECE IS... IT'S...
WHERE IS YOURS?
THE MOMENT I SAW HER, I RIPPED MINE UP AND ATE IT! DON'T WORRY... I GOT THIS!
"THE AB-SOLUTE NOTHING"!
BECAUSE NOTHING COULD BE COMPARED TO MY AMAZING MUSE, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AT ALL!
I LIKE IT!
WOW! YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST!
I DON'T DESERVE ALL THIS!
YES, YOU DO!

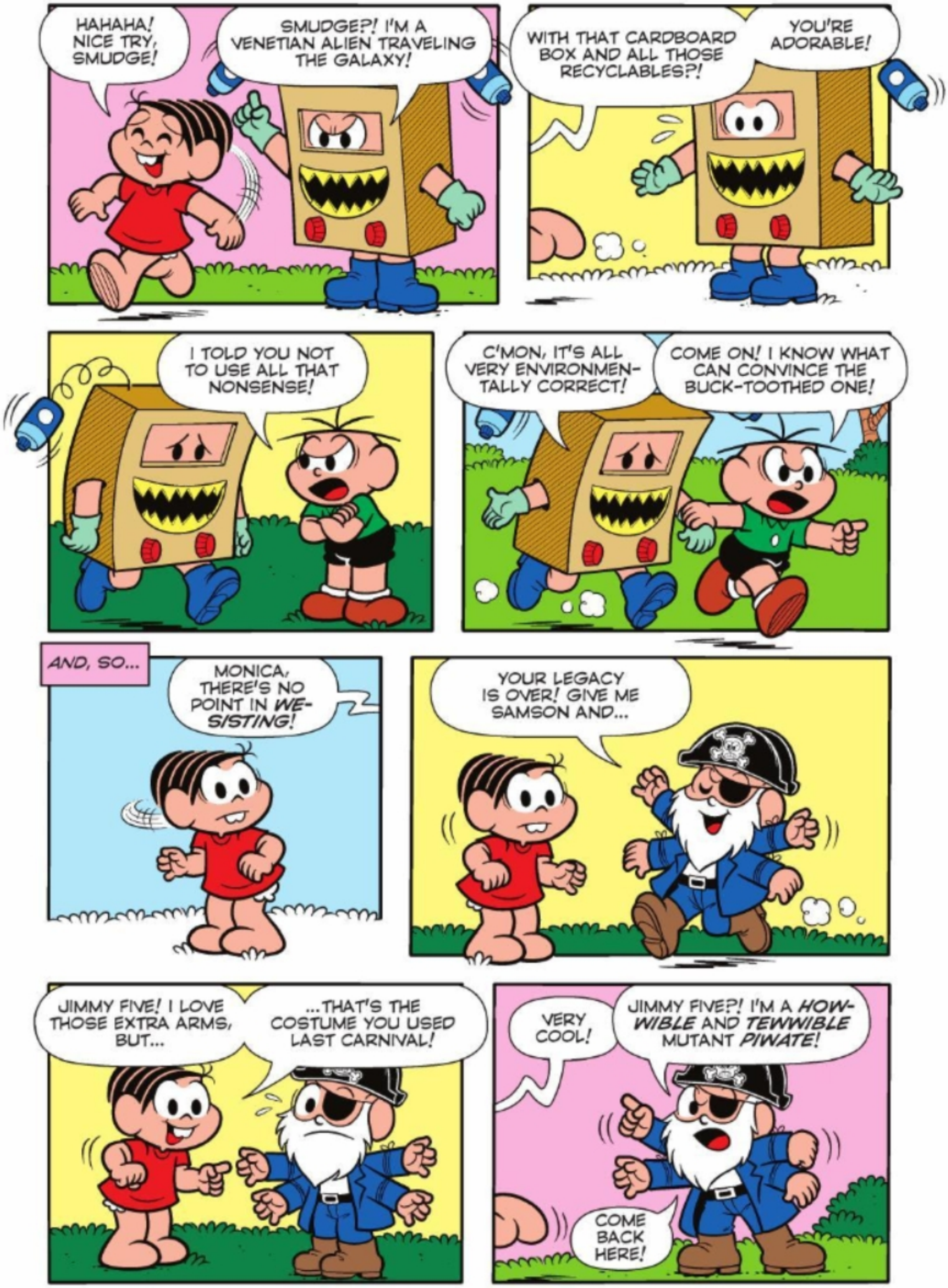

HEY! YOU GUYS LEAVE MONICA ALONE!
CALM DOWN, MARINA!
!
THEY ARE JUST CREATING A MURAL FOR ME!
<GULP!>
COME WITH ME... I'LL SHOW YOU!
GARGANTUAN! WHAT DO YOU SEE?
YOU, ALL BLOATED UP!
WHAT?!
HERE...
BUCK-TOOTHED!
ZOMBIE! THE LIVING DEAD!
THIS ONE?
NOTHING! THERE'S NOTH-ING THERE!
THAT ONE IS MINE!
GRRR...
MAWINA WUINED EVEWY-THING...
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS!

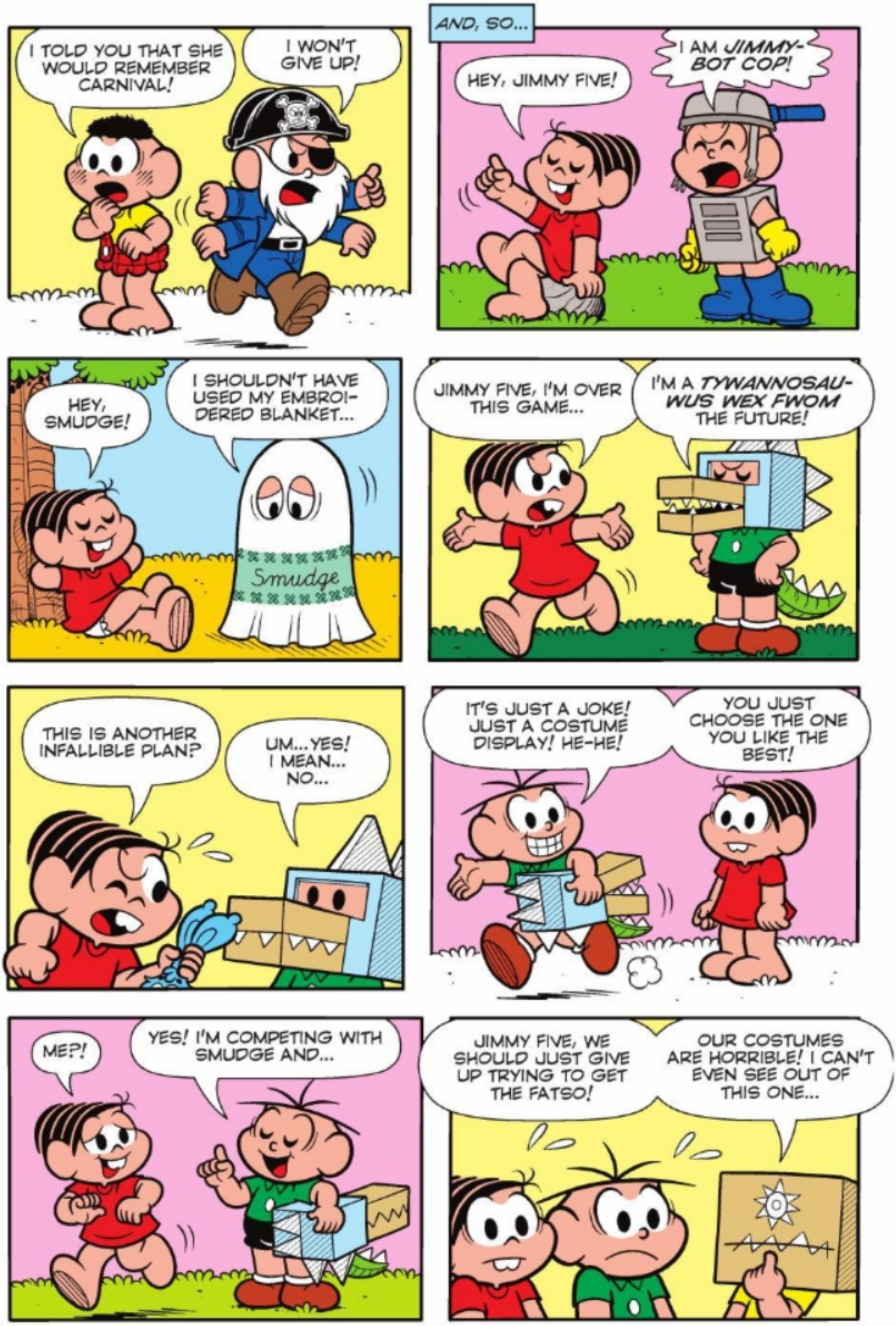
HEY! COME BACK HERE, YOU PESTS!!!
LET'S MOVE TO A DIFFERENT CITY!
A DIFFERENT COUNTRY!
I'M MOVING TO PLUTO!
ZOOM
PLOP
STRIKE!
THOSE HACK ARTISTS ARE GOING TO LEARN A VERY VALUABLE LESSON!
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH?
NO WAY! I'M JUST GETTING STARTED!
NO, JIMMY FIVE! OBSERVE THE ELEGANCE, THE BEAUTY OF THE LIFTED NOSE THAT MONICA IS SHOWING!
PROFESSOR! I NEED SOME HELP WITH THIS!
YEAH... THE *ELEGANCE*... OK!
END

Jimmy Five and Smudge in
INFALLIBLE COSTUME




THEY LOOK WI-DICULOUS!!!
I WOULD NEVER WEAR THAT!!!
NOW I KNOW WHY MY PLANS DON'T WORK!
YOUR COSTUMES CAN'T CONVINCE ANYONE!
OH, YEAH?!
DON'T COUNT ON ME THEN! I'M GOING TO LEAVE ALL OF THIS AT THE CLUB-HOUSE! I'M OUT OF HERE!
OH, SHUCKS! NO COSTUMES, NO PLAN!
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GIVE UP! HEHEHE!
WHAT?! NEVER!!!
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE COSTUMES!
WE DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT STUFF FWOM SUNNY!
OUR COS-TUMES WILL BE TOTALLY INFALLIBLE!
AND, SO...
MONICA, DON'T EVEN THINK TO RESIST THIS!
YOUR REIGN IS OVER!
HAND OVER SAMSON!
HA-HA-HA!


HAHAHA! NICE TRY, SMUDGE!
SMUDGE?! I'M A VENETIAN ALIEN TRAVELING THE GALAXY!
WITH THAT CARDBOARD BOX AND ALL THOSE RECYCLABLES?!
YOU'RE ADORABLE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO USE ALL THAT NONSENSE!
C'MON, IT'S ALL VERY ENVIRONMEN-TALLY CORRECT!
COME ON! I KNOW WHAT CAN CONVINCE THE BUCK-TOOTHED ONE!
AND, SO...
MONICA, THERE'S NO POINT IN WE-SISTING!
YOUR LEGACY IS OVER! GIVE ME SAMSON AND...
JIMMY FIVE! I LOVE THOSE EXTRA ARMS, BUT...
...THAT'S THE COSTUME YOU USED LAST CARNIVAL!
VERY COOL!
JIMMY FIVE?! I'M A HOW-WIBLE AND TEWWIBLE MUTANT PIWATE!
COME BACK HERE!


I TOLD YOU THAT SHE WOULD REMEMBER CARNIVAL!
I WON'T GIVE UP!
AND, SO...
HEY, JIMMY FIVE!
I AM *JIMMY-BOT COP!*
HEY, SMUDGE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE USED MY EMBROIDERED BLANKET...
Smudge
JIMMY FIVE, I'M OVER THIS GAME...
I'M A *TYWANNOSAUWUS WEX FWOM* THE FUTURE!
THIS IS ANOTHER INFALLIBLE PLAN?
UM...YES! I MEAN... NO...
IT'S JUST A JOKE! JUST A COSTUME DISPLAY! HE-HE!
YOU JUST CHOOSE THE ONE YOU LIKE THE BEST!
ME?!
YES! I'M COMPETING WITH SMUDGE AND...
JIMMY FIVE, WE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP TRYING TO GET THE FATSO!
OUR COSTUMES ARE HORRIBLE! I CAN'T EVEN SEE OUT OF THIS ONE...

COSTUME DISPLAY, HUH?!
I JUST WEMEMBERED THAT IT'S NOT THE COSTUMES THAT WUIN THE PLANS...
?
...IT'S YOUR BIG MOUTH, SMUDGE!!!
YOU KNOW... EVEN WITHOUT A COMPETITION... I THINK YOU TWO DESERVE...
...A NICE PRIIIZE!
LATER...
SUNNY, HAVE YOU SEEN JIMMY FIVE AND SMUDGE?
NO...
I'M LOOKING FOR THEM TOO!
I LEFT SOME THINGS AT THE CLUBHOUSE...
...AND THEY DISAPPEARED!
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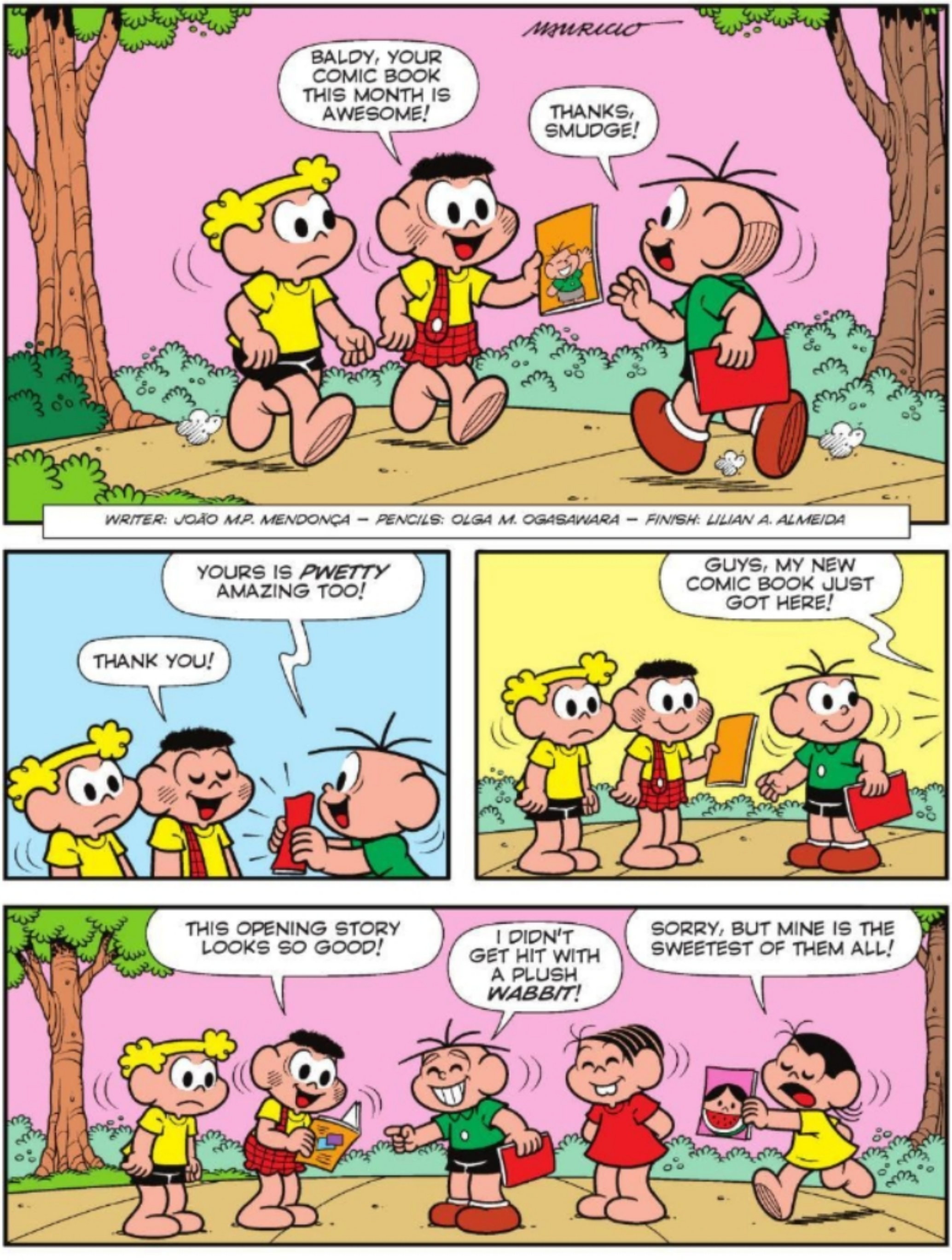
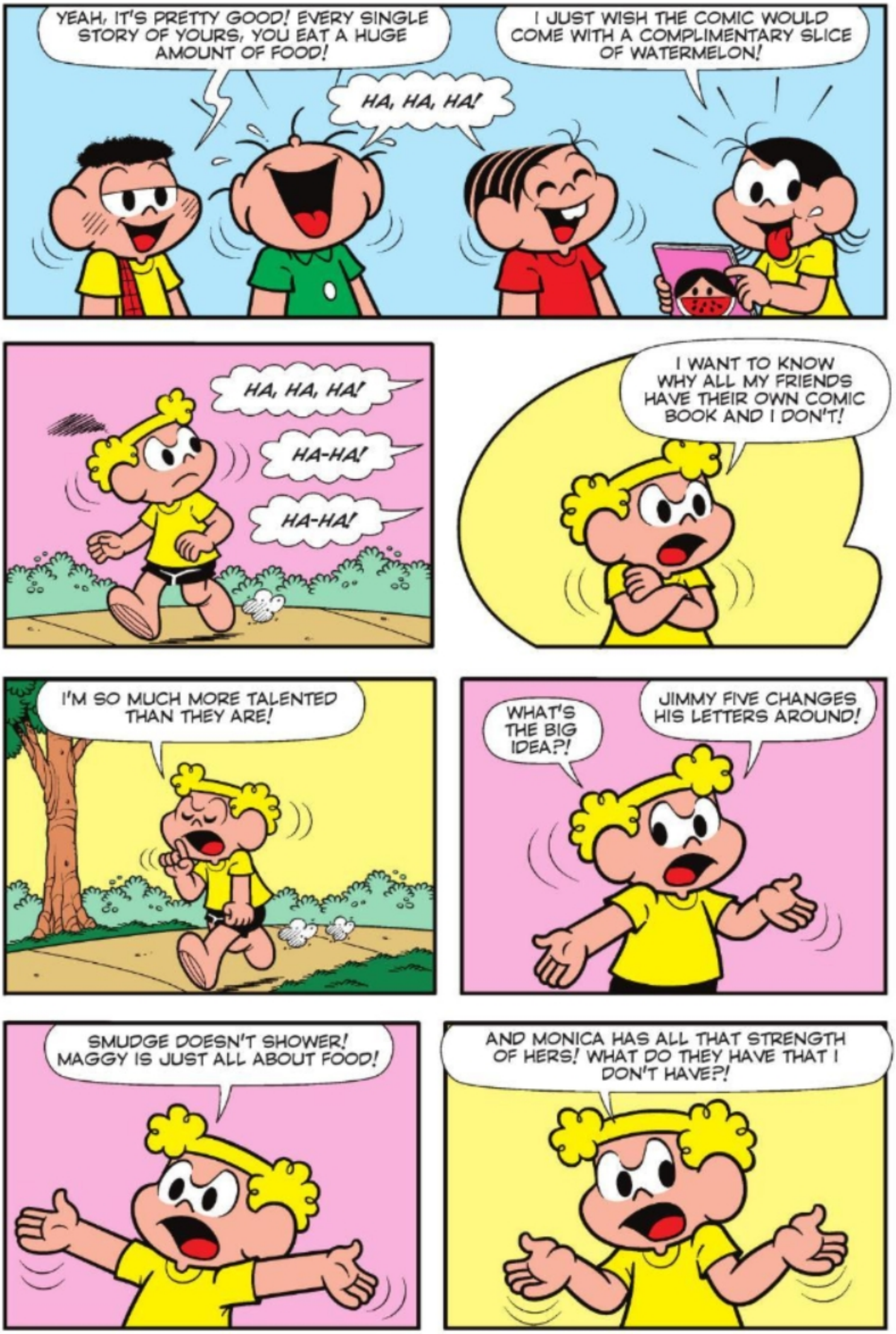
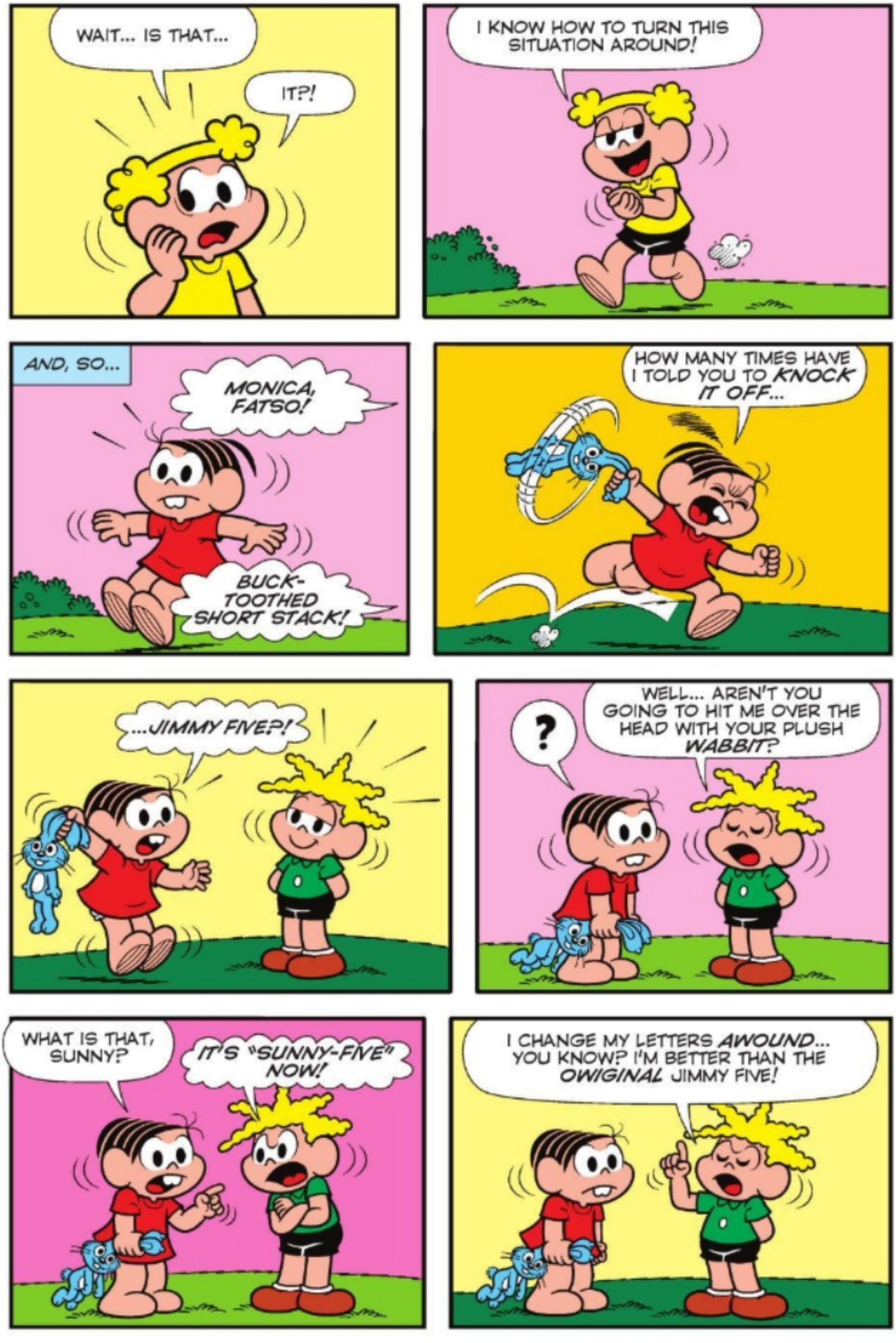
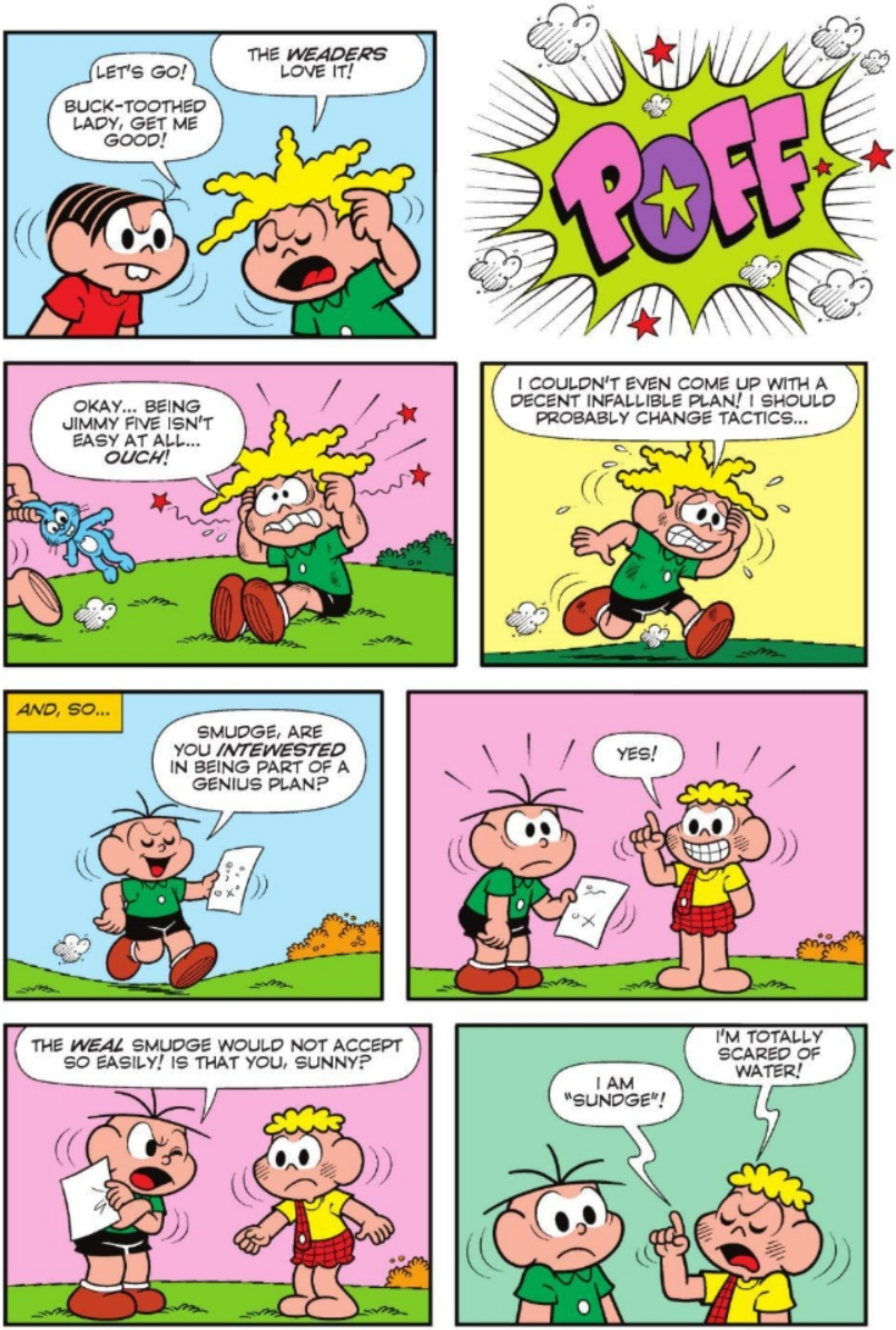
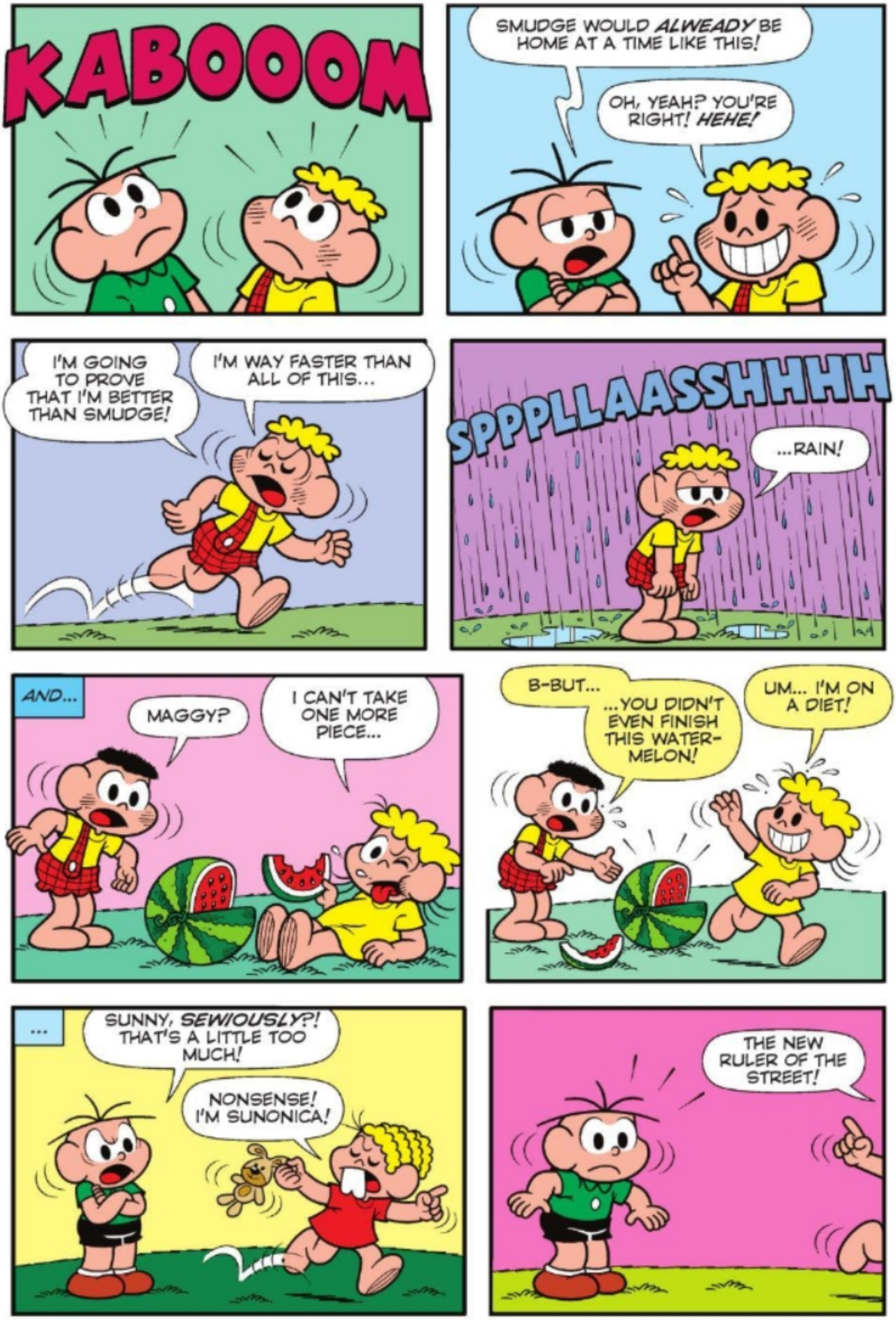
MONICA AND FRIENDS in A COMIC BOOK YOU CAN CALL YOUR OWN



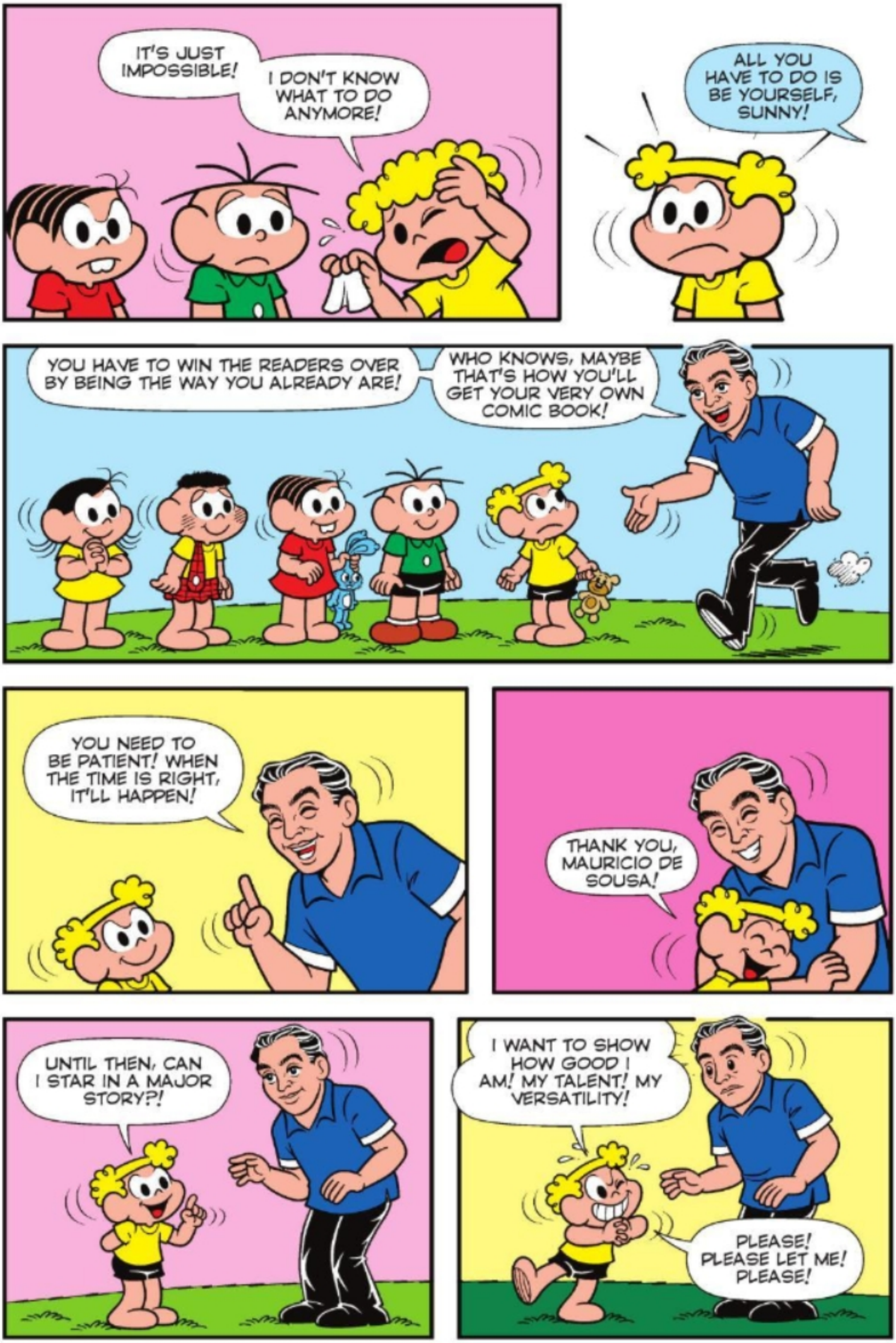

YEAH, IT'S PRETTY GOOD! EVERY SINGLE STORY OF YOURS, YOU EAT A HUGE AMOUNT OF FOOD!
HA, HA, HA!
I JUST WISH THE COMIC WOULD COME WITH A COMPLIMENTARY SLICE OF WATERMELON!
HA, HA, HA!
HA-HA!
HA-HA!
I WANT TO KNOW WHY ALL MY FRIENDS HAVE THEIR OWN COMIC BOOK AND I DON'T!
I'M SO MUCH MORE TALENTED THAN THEY ARE!
JIMMY FIVE CHANGES HIS LETTERS AROUND!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
SMUDGE DOESN'T SHOWER! MAGGY IS JUST ALL ABOUT FOOD!
AND MONICA HAS ALL THAT STRENGTH OF HERS! WHAT DO THEY HAVE THAT I DON'T HAVE?!

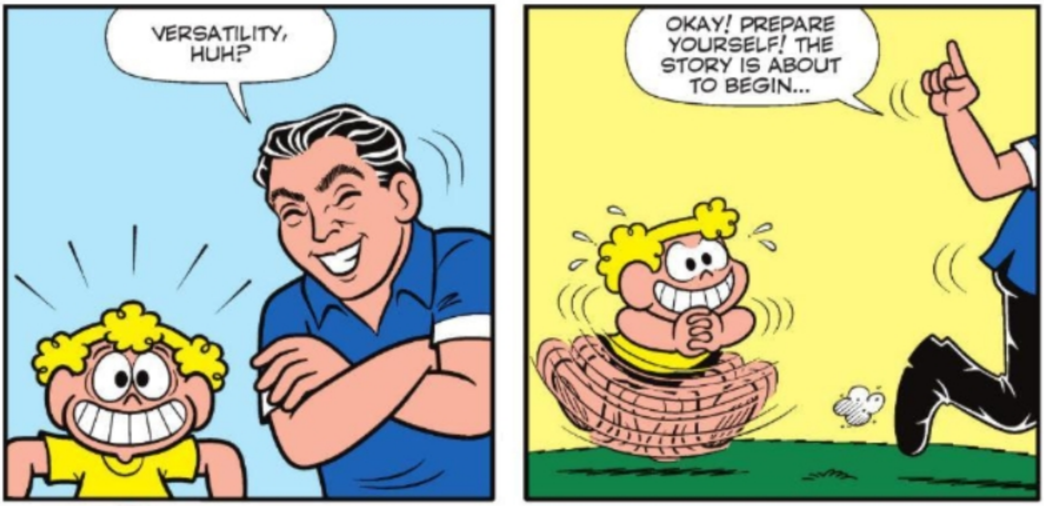

WAIT... IS THAT...
IT?!
I KNOW HOW TO TURN THIS SITUATION AROUND!
AND, SO...
MONICA, FATSO!
BUCK-TOOTHED SHORT STACK!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF...
...JIMMY FIVE?!
?
WELL... AREN'T YOU GOING TO HIT ME OVER THE HEAD WITH YOUR PLUSH WABBIT?
WHAT IS THAT, SUNNY?
IT'S "SUNNY-FIVE" NOW!
I CHANGE MY LETTERS AWOUND... YOU KNOW? I'M BETTER THAN THE OWIGINAL JIMMY FIVE!


LET'S GO!
BUCK-TOOTHED LADY, GET ME GOOD!
THE WEADERS LOVE IT!
POFF
OKAY... BEING JIMMY FIVE ISN'T EASY AT ALL... OUCH!
I COULDN'T EVEN COME UP WITH A DECENT INFALLIBLE PLAN! I SHOULD PROBABLY CHANGE TACTICS...
AND, SO...
SMUDGE, ARE YOU INTEWESTED IN BEING PART OF A GENIUS PLAN?
YES!
THE WEAL SMUDGE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SO EASILY! IS THAT YOU, SUNNY?
I AM "SUNDGE"!
I'M TOTALLY SCARED OF WATER!


KABOOOM
SMUDGE WOULD ALWEADY BE HOME AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
OH, YEAH? YOU'RE RIGHT! HEHE!
I'M GOING TO PROVE THAT I'M BETTER THAN SMUDGE!
I'M WAY FASTER THAN ALL OF THIS...
SPPPLLAASSHHHH
...RAIN!
AND...
MAGGY?
I CAN'T TAKE ONE MORE PIECE...
B-BUT...
...YOU DIDN'T EVEN FINISH THIS WATER-MELON!
UM... I'M ON A DIET!
...
SUNNY, SEWIOUSLY?! THAT'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH!
NONSENSE! I'M SUNONICA!
THE NEW RULER OF THE STREET!

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH SUNNY?!
NOW HE'S TRYING TO IMITATE ME!
I HEARD HIS IMITATION OF ME...
...WAS HORRIBLE!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO TO FIND OUT!
I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP, MONICA!
SUNNY!
I TOLD YOU! I'M "SUNONICA"! YOU...
IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU...
...SHE'S GOING TO HAVE TO PWOVE SHE'S THE WEAL MONICA!
SORRY, GUYS... I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY OWN COMIC BOOK!
I THOUGHT IF I WAS MORE LIKE YOU GUYS, IT WOULD WORK!


IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BE YOURSELF, SUNNY!
YOU HAVE TO WIN THE READERS OVER BY BEING THE WAY YOU ALREADY ARE!
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE THAT'S HOW YOU'LL GET YOUR VERY OWN COMIC BOOK!
YOU NEED TO BE PATIENT! WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, IT'LL HAPPEN!
THANK YOU, MAURICIO DE SOUSA!
UNTIL THEN, CAN I STAR IN A MAJOR STORY?!
I WANT TO SHOW HOW GOOD I AM! MY TALENT! MY VERSATILITY!
PLEASE! PLEASE LET ME! PLEASE!



MRS. STONE in A HAPPY DAY

STEVE AND PUFF in

THE MYSTERIOUS PRESENT

WHAT ARE YOU SNEAKING AROUND FOR?
I'M NOT SNEAKING!!! ONLY SNEAKY PEOPLE SNEAK AROUND, I'M NOT A SNEAKY PERSON!
OKAY... LET ME CHANGE THE QUESTION... WHAT ARE YOU SPYING ON?
"SPYING" HAS MORE OF A CHARM TO IT!
HEY, WHERE'D HE GO?
WHOM?
STEVE! YOU MADE ME LOSE HIM!
AT LEAST, I FOUND OUT WHO YOU'RE SPYING ON!

THERE HE GOES... HE'S GOING INTO THAT JEWELRY STORE!
GIRLFRIEND, CATCH ME!
IT'S TOO MUCH EMOTION FOR MY POOR LITTLE ANXIOUS HEART!
!
ZOOP
WILL YOU FOCUS UP AND TELL ME WHAT IS GOING ON?!
TOMORROW IS MY BIRTHDAY AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT STEVE IS GETTING ME!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO GET YOU JEWELRY!
HE IS, ISN'T HE?!
AW, STEVE IS SO ROMANTIC!
HE'S COMING OUT OF THE STORE!
AL-READY?!

THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO CHOOSE, PAY AND WAIT FOR THEM TO WRAP IT! I'M GOING TO GO ASK!
HE JUST WANTED DIRECTIONS TO THE *LE TELESCOPE* STORE...
?
...I TOLD HIM IT WAS AT THE END OF THE SIDEWALK AND HE LEFT!
THANKS!
WHAT COULD THEY POSSIBLY SELL THERE?! CELL PHONES?! PURSES?! SHOES?!
NONE OF THE ABOVE! IT'S A TELESCOPE STORE!
A WHAT?!
LE TELESCOPE
TELESCOPES

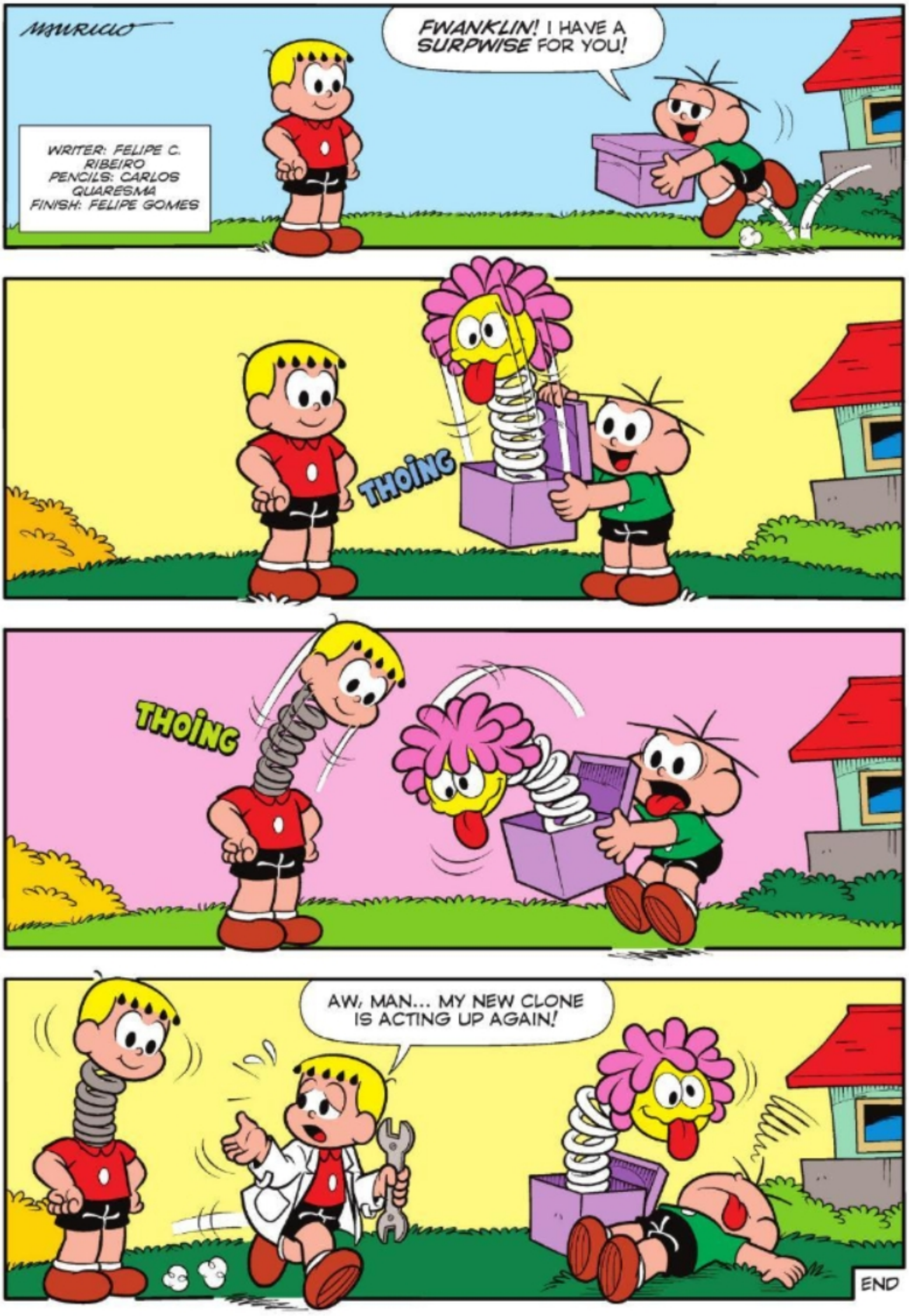
WHERE DID HE COME UP WITH THIS?! I DON'T LIKE TELE-SCOPES!
AW, C'MON! IT'S A NICE PRESENT!
IT'S FUN TO CHECK OUT THE PLANETS AND CONSTELLATIONS!
TELESCOPES
HM! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... IT'S A PRETTY NICE GIFT!
HIDE! HE'S COMING OUT OF THE STORE!
WHOA! THAT'S A HUGE PACKAGE!
SHHH! NOT SO LOUD!
I'M GOING TO SNEAK OVER THERE... I MEAN... TO ASK WHAT MODEL HE BOUGHT!
HE-HE!
AND, SO...
HE DIDN'T BUY A TELESCOPE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I SAW HIM LEAVING HERE WITH A HUGE PACKAGE!

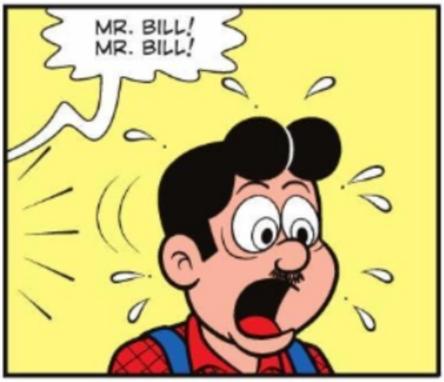
HE *RENTED* A TELESCOPE, LIKE THAT ONE!
!
?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD DARE *RENT* ME GIFT FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
STEVE MUST BE OUT OF HIS MIND!
IT MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR PRESENT!
OF COURSE, IT DOESN'T! IT MUST BE SOMETHING FOR HIS COLLEGE!
I SHOULD WAIT FOR TOMORROW TO SEE WHAT PRESENT HE GOT ME!
THAT'S THE WAY!

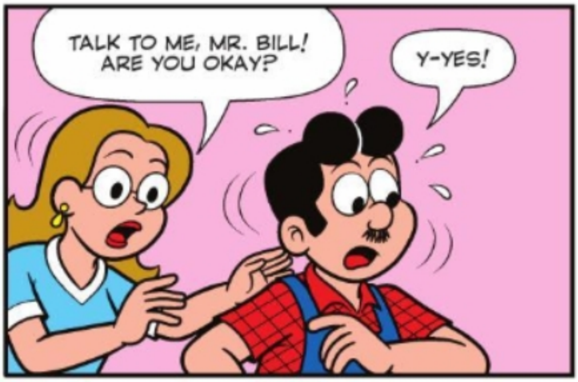
SO...
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
AW, STEVE! SO MUCH SUSPENSE!
THERE! OPEN YOUR EYES!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PUFF-DOLL!
STEVE, KNOCK IT OFF! I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT YOU RENTED THIS TELESCOPE!
?
WHO SAID THAT THIS IS YOUR PRESENT?!
IT'S NOT?!

NO! IT'S NOT! THE PRESENT IS WHAT THE TELESCOPE IS FOCUSED ON!
?
?
ALL I CAN SEE IS A STAR!
IT'S NOT JUST ANY STAR...
IT'S THE PUFF STAR!
SHE WAS BAPTIZED WITH YOUR NAME! HERE IS THE CERTIFICATE!
THIS IS MY PRESENT TO YOU!
PUFF
THAT'S THE MOST INCREDIBLE GIFT THAT A GIRL COULD EVER GET! I LOVE IT!
STEVE LIVES WITH HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS, BUT PUFF COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER BOYFRIEND!
END

FRANKLIN in SURPRISE

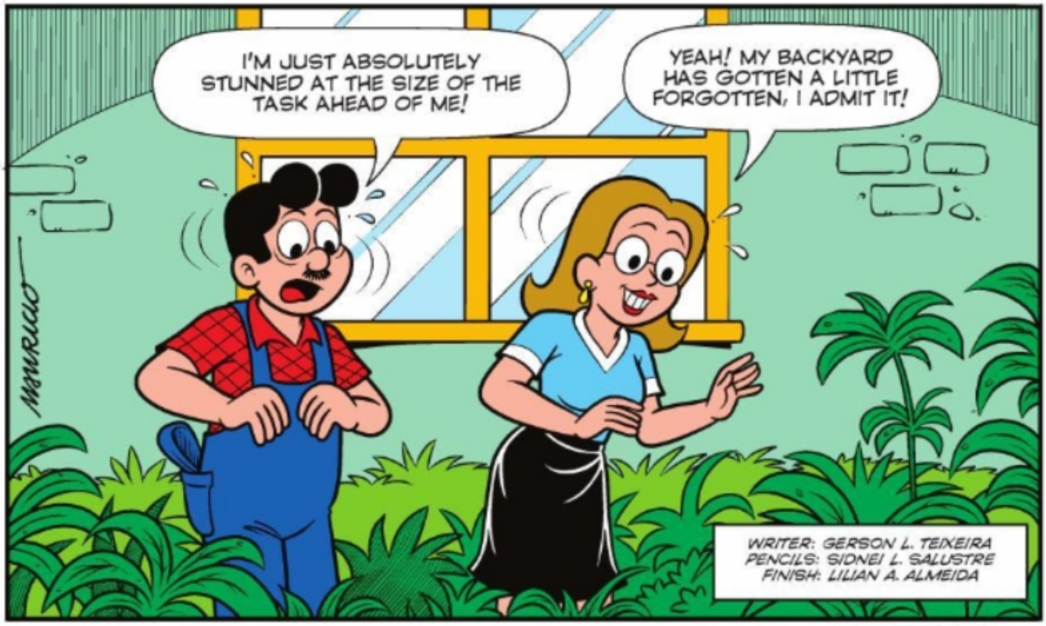


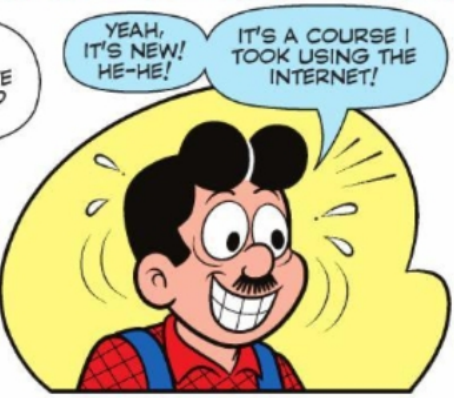




MONICA AND FRIENDS and MR. BILL

MR. BILL THE GARDENER

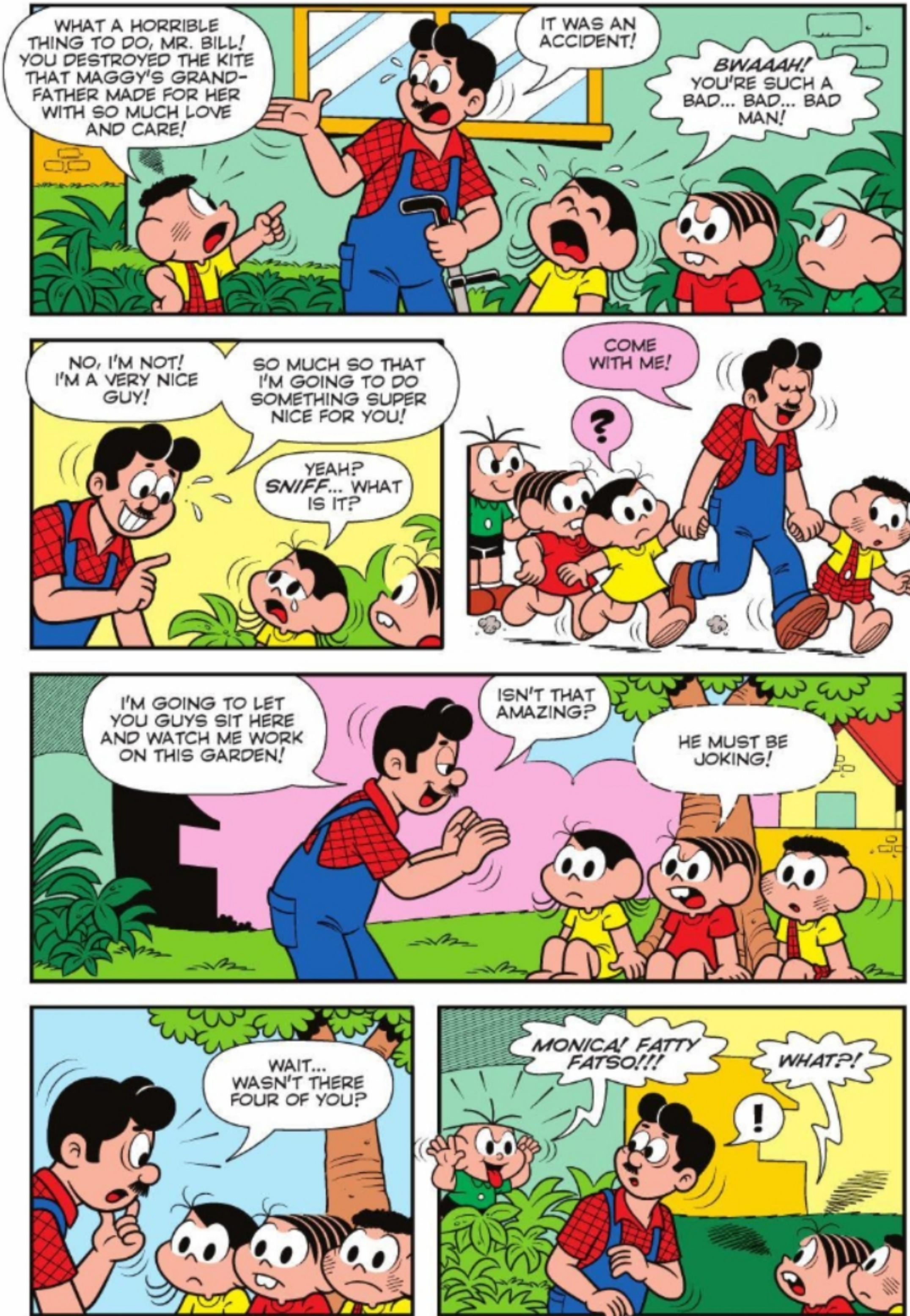




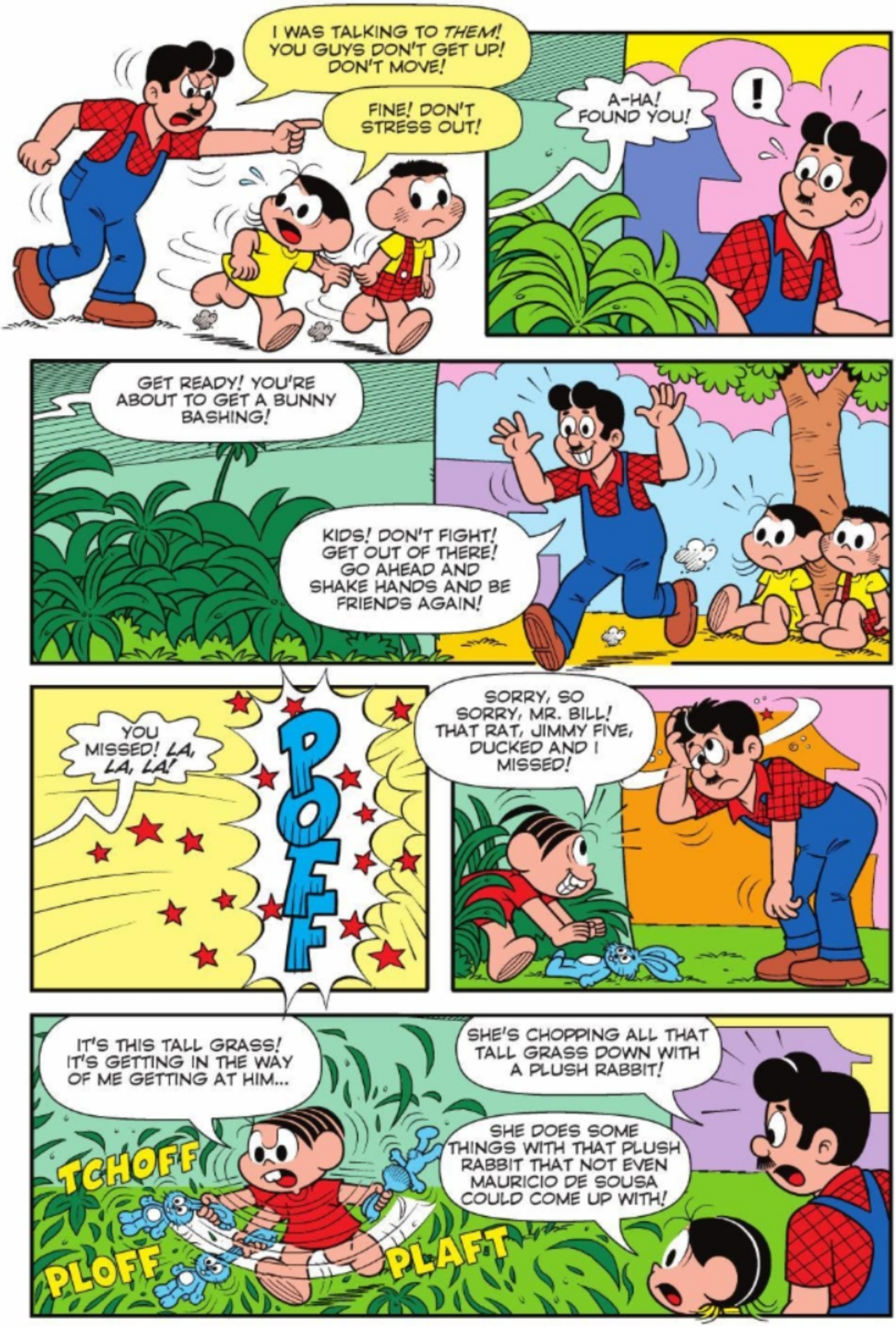
OKAY, WELL, I'LL LET YOU GET TO IT!
THANK YOU!
I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING A LITTLE LESS RADICAL FOR MY FIRST HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE! HOWEVER, A JOB IS A JOB!
I'LL START BY TRIMMING THIS TALL GRASS!
I JUST HOPE I DON'T RUN INTO ANY WILD CREATURES IN HERE!
BZZZRRR
AW! I LOVE WORKING OUT IN THE OPEN, FEELING THE FRESH MORNING AIR ON MY SKIN!
POFF
WHAT?!
BZZZRRR

AAAHHH!!!
BZZZRRR
CLICK
BZZZRRR
HUFF-PUFF! THAT WAS CLOSE! ALMOST GOT MY BEAUTIFUL MUSTACHE CUT OFF!
I SAW THE KITE FALL OVER HERE SOMEWHERE!
OH, NO! OH, NOOO!
LOOK WHO IS HERE!
MR. BILL! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
WINK
WINK
DID YOU MOVE TO THIS HOUSE?
WHOA! YOU REALLY SHOULD TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR BACKYARD!
IT'S A JUNGLE BACK HERE!

THIS ISN'T MY HOUSE! I'M JUST THE GARDENER TRYING TO FIX THIS GARDEN BACK HERE!
IT'S A JOB THAT NEEDS CONCEN-TRATION AND FOCUS!
SO, PLEASE, LET ME WORK IN PEACE!
YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND, MR. BILL!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT THEM TO LEAVE ME ALONE SO EASILY!
WE'LL BE HEADING OUT AS SOON AS WE FIND MAGGY'S KITE!
LOOK! I FOUND THE LINE!
!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW IT AND FIND THE KITE THAT MY GRANDFATHER MADE ME WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND CARE!
IT'S THIS WAY...
...A LITTLE MORE...
!
AAAHHH!!! MR. BILL DESTROYED THE KITE THAT MY GRANDFATHER MADE FOR ME WITH LOVE AND CARE!
OOHHH!!!


WHAT A HORRIBLE THING TO DO, MR. BILL! YOU DESTROYED THE KITE THAT MAGGY'S GRAND-FATHER MADE FOR HER WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND CARE!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
BWAAAH! YOU'RE SUCH A BAD... BAD... BAD MAN!
NO, I'M NOT! I'M A VERY NICE GUY!
SO MUCH SO THAT I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING SUPER NICE FOR YOU!
YEAH? SNIFF... WHAT IS IT?
COME WITH ME!
?
I'M GOING TO LET YOU GUYS SIT HERE AND WATCH ME WORK ON THIS GARDEN!
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
HE MUST BE JOKING!
WAIT... WASN'T THERE FOUR OF YOU?
MONICA! FATTY FATSO!!!
!
WHAT?!

YOU CAN'T GET ME! LA-LA-LA! LA!
DON'T GO IN THERE, JIMMY FIVE!
YOU PEST! I'LL SHOW YOU! I'M GO-ING TO GET YOU! YOU CAN BE SURE OF THAT!
MONICA, WAIT!
THUMP
NO, NO WAY! I NEED TO GET THOSE CHILDREN OUT OF THERE!
WE'LL HELP YOU, MR. BILL!
NO! YOU STAY RIGHT THERE!
FINE!
KIDS! COME HERE! RIGHT NOW!
HERE WE ARE!
YOU GOTTA DECIDE! ONE SECOND YOU WANT US TO SIT DOWN, THE NEXT YOU'RE YELLING FOR US TO COME OVER!


I WAS TALKING TO *THEM!* YOU GUYS DON'T GET UP! DON'T MOVE!
FINE! DON'T STRESS OUT!
A-HA! FOUND YOU!
!
GET READY! YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET A BUNNY BASHING!
KIDS! DON'T FIGHT! GET OUT OF THERE! GO AHEAD AND SHAKE HANDS AND BE FRIENDS AGAIN!
YOU MISSED! *LA, LA, LA!*
POFF
SORRY, SO SORRY, MR. BILL! THAT RAT, JIMMY FIVE, DUCKED AND I MISSED!
IT'S THIS TALL GRASS! IT'S GETTING IN THE WAY OF ME GETTING AT HIM...
TCHOFF
PLOFF
PLAFT
SHE'S CHOPPING ALL THAT TALL GRASS DOWN WITH A PLUSH RABBIT!
SHE DOES SOME THINGS WITH THAT PLUSH RABBIT THAT NOT EVEN MAURICIO DE SOUSA COULD COME UP WITH!

WELL... I'VE TRIED TO GET HER TO STOP...
TCHOFF
PLOFF
PLAFT
...SINCE I CAN'T STOP HER I MIGHT AS WELL GO AHEAD AND JOIN HER!
TCHOFF
PLOFT
A BIT LATER...
UNBELIEV-ABLE!
IT'S LIKE THAT LITTLE PEST DISAPPEARED!
HE CAN ONLY BE UP THAT TREE!
GOOD POINT!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME, JIMMY FIVE!
PLOFT
PLAFF
PLOFT
PLAFF
HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE FLUFF!
?
?
?
?

JIMMY FIVE, YOU WEREN'T UP THAT TREE?
NO! ALL OF THAT HIGH GWASS MADE ME ITCHY! SO, I WENT HOME AND TOOK A SHOWER... I EVEN WATCHED A CARTOON...
...THEN I WENT TO GO GET SOME ICE CWEAM AND...
YOU LEFT ME HERE CUTTING TALL GRASS! I'VE BEEN ITCHY AND SWEATING LIKE A MAD PERSON!
CALM DOWN, MONICA! YOU HAVE TO SEE THE BWIGHT SIDE!
WHAT BRIGHT SIDE?!
I DIDN'T GET HIT ONCE! HA-HA-HA!!!
JIMMY FIVE, I WON'T LET THIS STAND!
CHILDREN, NO FIGHTING!
WOW!!! THIS LOOKS AMAZING!
H-HELLO! YES! IT LOOKS GOOD DOESN'T IT?! HE-HE!
IT'S PERFECT! IT'S WORTH EVERY SINGLE CENT THAT YOU CHARGED ME! HERE IS YOUR PAYMENT!

IN THIS AREA HERE, THE GRASS IS TOO LOW... BUT...
...NEXT TIME YOU JUST TAKE BETTER CARE! NO PROBLEM!
YOU GOT IT! HEHE!
THAT WAS THE ONLY PART THAT I DID MYSELF!
WINK
WINK
WINK
KIDS, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU!
?
?
?
AND, SO...
YOU'RE SUPER NICE FOR BRINGING US HERE TO GET MILKSHAKES, MR BILL!
I FOUND OUT MY EYES DON'T ONLY TWITCH WHEN I GET ANNOYED! IT TWITCHES WHEN I FEEL REMORSE AS WELL!
YAY!!! LONG LIVE MR. BILL! THE CRABBIEST, GRUMPIEST, MOST ANNOYED AND NICEST PERSON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
YAAAY!!!
AND IT GETS FULL OF TEARS WHEN I FEEL THIS HAPPY!
END

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